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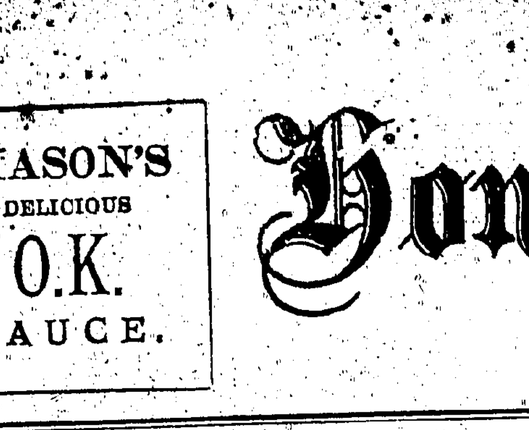
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UNDER THE PUNKAH.

By J. PENN.

Having negotiated the December Settlement and the Christmas holidays, the time has arrived to think very seriously about making New Year resolutions. But before pursuing this topic let me tell you how it came about that Bottlethwaite and his wife had a tiff which threatened to spoil the harmony of this season of happiness. Mr. B. went home the other evening in particularly high spirits, and as he greeted his better half affectionately by pecking her neck he said:—"Well, mother, I have got two tickets for the pictures." "Have you, dear?" said Mrs. Bottlethwaite, "then I must start to dress." "Yes do," said he, "and then we will be there on time. They're for to-morrow night!"

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Well, that's quite smart, when you come to think of it, but women hate to be made fun of by their husbands, and poor old Bottlethwaite's high spirits evaporated very quickly, and one of the New Year resolutions on his list is not to try to be funny at his wife's expense. (And, incidentally, at his own, for I saw him this afternoon very busily engaged in looking at strings of pearls, and I know he gave her a diamond brooch for Christmas.)

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Here is a New Year resolution which most of you will find no difficulty in observing—never eat jelly with a knitting-needle. Chopsticks are not much better. Resolve, firmly and always, to use a spoon, and if one is not enough, ask the boy for another.

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And resolve to practice economy, and save as much as you can. Don't spend your money just for the sake of spending it. Be like the Scotsman who went to the dentist with an aching jaw and said:—"How much to take this tooth out?" "Five dollars!" said the dentist. The Scot paused a moment to consider the situation and then said:—"And how much just to slacken it?"

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That's the spirit of economy demonstrated in the highest degree. Cultivate it, my friends, during the coming year, and this time next December you won't be in daily fear and trembling of a chit from your banker "regretting to call your attention," etc.

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And make another resolution—don't go up in the air unnecessarily. By this I mean keep your hair on—don't go off the deep end for the slightest little thing that happens to go wrong. I don't mean that you should eschew flying when I warn you not to go up in the air. On the contrary, go up all you can. It's the only place where you can step on the gas without fear of getting pinched by the traffic policemen, and need never be afraid of being stopped to have your brakes tested.

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By the way, talking about flying, do you know that one about the dear old lady who saw a seedy-looking individual wearing a lot of ribbons on his chest, and said:—"What did you do in the war, my good man." The rusty one replied:—"In the air service, mum." Said the old lady:—"Did you do much flying!" to which he answered:—"Didn't do none, mum; I was the barber at H.Q."

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Here is a joke to be saved up for next Christmas if you have used up all the crackers in the house:—"Why is a man with a gouty foot like a well-known fruit?" Get ready to laugh, girls and boys. "Because he's a toe-martyr."

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Now please don't start writing letters to say that a tomato is a vegetable, and not a fruit.

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But to get back to this New Year resolution stuff. Decide to be punctual during 1930, and this applies to everybody, young and old, shy and bold, male and female, without distinction or discrimination. I was in Bottlethwaite's office the other day and overheard him talking to his typist. "Are you doing anything special next Sunday evening, Miss Remingwood?" he said. The young lady, smiling sweetly and hopefully, said:—"No, sir." Bottlethwaite looked at her approvingly and said:—"Good Then please make an effort to get to office early on Monday morning!" Poor girl, she looked so disappointed, but life is largely made up of disappointments of one sort and another. There's that fellow out at Fanling who, when asked how his golf was going, said sadly:—"Topping, old man; simply topping!"

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Another very good resolution to make for 1930 is to keep a diary. This determination is good for trade, though probably for nothing else. It helps the papermakers earn an honest living, and the compositors and printers and publishers and shopkeepers—all very decent and deserving people, but that is about all that can be said for this resolution—it provides employment, and some harmless amusement for a week or two. This is the time of year when one starts cleaning out desks and drawers, and finding grim reminders of broken resolutions. "Look at our "Diary for 1929," and examine the entries therein. Every day for the first week are jotted down full details of wind and weather, comings and goings, and doings and what-nots. Then comes a gap of a few days,—then a less detailed entry—then a longer gap, and a still less detailed entry, and then a very much longer gap, and an entry of as many words as formerly there were lines, and then. . . . Then, pages and pages of blank space, save where the printer has been kind enough to inform you that it is the 33rd Sunday after Apollinaris, or the sun enters Capricorn, or a full moon is due, or that quarter-day has arrived. Still, my advice is "resolve to keep a diary for 1930," and keep it until the time comes to buy another in order to keep up to date with the tide-tables and other such data.

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Resolve, too, during the coming year, to remember that opportunity knock once at every man's door, and seize it when it reveals its presence. The other day, while engaged in my Christmas shopping, I came across a shop in front of which the enterprising proprietor had a banner with the bold device:—"Special Bargain Sale. This is Our Opportunity!" This is commercial candour indeed—sardonically expressive and quite brutally frank in its direct appeal. I have no doubt the shopkeeper's slogan represented a very plain statement of very sober fact, but somehow "your" instead of "our" sounds nicer from the customer's point of view, even if it is not quite so sincere.

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You will resolve, of course, to be much more moderate in your use of tobacco and alcohol during the coming year. You will further resolve to concentrate your will-power on the observance of this resolution—but you won't. It has been my experience that the men who say they have smoked fewer cigars and cigarettes, and swallowed less whisky, all as a result of will-power are right up to a certain point. Will-power *may* have worked these wonders, but if so it was the will-power of their wives!

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Bottlethwaite said to a friend the other day:—"Well, and how's the world treating you?" And the friend said:—"Seldom."

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And, again, as the young man said to a fair companion on the ferry the other morning:—"Did I tell you about the terrible fright I got at Repulse Bay yesterday?" to which the catty Kowloon flapper replied:—"No, you did not tell me, but I saw you with her!"

Diary of Coming Events.

To-day.

(December 29.)

Cricket.—Division I.: Craigengower *v.* H.K.C.C. (L). Division II.: University *v.* R.A.O.C. (L), Indian R.C. *v.* R.E. and S. (L), C.S.C.C. *v.* Royal Artillery, H.K.C.C. *v.* Craigengower (F), Police *v.* Electric (F), Chinese R.C. *v.* Recreio (F).

Football.—Senior Division: South China *v.* Navy, Recreio *v.* St. Joseph's, Kowloon *v.* Chinese, Police *v.* Club, Royal Artillery *v.* K.O.S.B. Junior Division: Eastern *v.* Ewo, Recreio *v.* South China "B", Club *v.* University, St. Joseph's *v.* Chinese "A", Royal Artillery *v.* South China "A" Kowloon *v.* K.O.S.B.

Queen's Theatre: "This is Heaven."

World Theatre: "Tenderloin."

Star Theatre: "Desert Nights."

Tea Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 5 p.m.

Dinner Dances: Hong Kong, Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8.30 p.m.

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Sunday.

(December 29.)

Queen's Theatre: "The Black Watch."

World Theatre: "Corporal Kate."

Star Theatre: "All at Sea."

Tea Dance: Repulse Bay Hotel, 5 p.m.

Tides:—High, 9.45 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Low, 3.10 a.m. and 1.36 p.m.

Monday.

(December 30.)

Auction: Household Furniture, 288, The Peak (Lammert Bros.), 2.30 p.m.

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Cricket: Army *v.* Navy, Club ground.

Queen's Theatre: "The Black Watch."

World Theatre: "Corporal Kate."

Star Theatre: "All at Sea."

Tea Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 5 p.m.

Dinner Dances: H.K. Hotel, Repulse Bay Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Tides:—High, 9.45 a.m. and 8.10 p.m.; Low, 3.48 a.m. and 2.09 p.m.

European Mails:—Inward: Europe *vid* Negapatam, papers only (Kumsang). Outward: Europe *vid* San Francisco (President Madison), 5 p.m.; *vid* Siberia (President Madison), 6 p.m.

Tuesday.

(December 31.)

New Year's Eve.

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Cricket: Army *v.* Navy, Club ground.

Queen's Theatre: "The Black Watch."

World Theatre: "The Fortune Hunter."

Star Theatre: "Masked Emotions."

Tea Dance: Peninsula Hotel, 5 p.m.

New Year's Eve Carnival dances: Peninsula Hotel and Repulse Bay Hotel, 8 p.m.

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LEARNING FROM THE RED INDIANS.

HOW TO BREATHE PROPERLY.

(BY LIEUT.-GENERAL LORD BADEN-POWELL.)

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One of the warriors of the renowned Sioux tribe of Red Indians once had a quarrel with a white trapper of the Fur Trading Company, and challenged him to a fight.

It was rather hard to suggest a fight that would be equally fair for both parties. The Indian did not know how to use his fists, nor was he a good shot with a pistol, while the white man, though he could manage these, was no good with the bow and arrow or the lasso.

So at last they decided that they would strip off all their clothes and each go for the other with a big knife till one or the other was killed. A cheerful way of settling it, wasn't it?

An onlooker who was present asked the Indian, privately, if he was not afraid of the white man, who was a much bigger and more powerful man than himself. The Indian replied "No. There is nothing to be afraid of in a man who keeps his mouth open." And it was then noticed that the trapper kept his lips always parted.

This is very true. Scouts will notice that a strong, determined man or woman always keeps the mouth severely closed when not talking, while a weak, silly sort of character always has it half open.

Mr. George Catlin, who wrote many good books about the Red Indians in America, named one of them:—"Shut your Mouth and Save your Life."



It was difficult to suggest a fight that would be equally fair to both parties.

Breathing Through the Nose.

In their wild state the Red Indians are particularly healthy and full of endurance, as compared with people who live in towns, and civilised countries. Catlin endeavoured to find out the cause, and after careful enquiry among one hundred and fifty tribes of Indians he came to the conclusion that it was because they breathe through the nose and not, as many civilised people do, through the mouth.

In old days babies were kept very much wrapped up and in warm rooms, and the want of air made them breathe through the mouth. This, when once started, becomes a habit, and the back of the nostrils, through not being used, gradually closes up and as they grow older the children continue to breathe through the mouth.

With the Red Indians the babies are put to sleep in the open air and the mothers press their lips together while they sleep, or even bind up the mouth so that they can only breathe through the nose.

Red Indian children rarely died in those days, while, in England, great numbers of children died while they were still infants. Fortunately people are now getting more sensible.

By breathing through the nose the air is measured and slightly warmed before it gets to the lungs, and the moisture in the nostrils catches up dirt and seeds of disease which may try to come in with the air.

No animal sleeps with its mouth open; when a man does so he gets bad rest at night and he chokes and snores. The natural moisture in the mouth gets dried up, and he gets indigestion and sore throat, and even his teeth get diseased through being too dry.

When Not to Sing.

When I was on an expedition in Ashanti, on the West Coast of Africa, everybody got ill with fever. We were continually marching through thick forests with damp, swampy ground underfoot. It was a filthy climate, steamy and unhealthy, and the endless marching among trees day after day, week after week, got on the nerves of the men and they became depressed and slack.

The Commander of one corps said to me that he was going to make his men sing choruses while on the march, in order to keep up their spirits. So I replied:—"Then your men will get fever by breathing the germs in through their mouths. It is bad enough to have the men depressed; but even that is better than having them useless through sickness."

I was one of the very few who came through that expedition without getting ill; but I believe that one of the causes of my escaping fever was that I always kept my mouth shut and breathed through my nose.

A Pebble in the Mouth.

A Scout keeps his mouth shut at all times. When he is marching or running he keeps it shut and so does not get it all dry and hot and thirsty inside. If he should forget to keep it shut or find a difficulty in doing so at first the dodge is to carry a round pebble in the mouth. This makes him keep his mouth closed lest the pebble should fall out. He will not then get thirsty like other fellows.

But he must take care not to swallow the stone!

When he is working with others a Scout keeps his mouth shut, and does not ask questions as to how he is to do his work, but just goes at the job and does it the best way he can; he does not answer too many silly questions; he does not brag about his work when he has done it—he keeps his mouth shut.

It is the same at night when he is asleep. He does not lie with his mouth open, drinking in all the germs of sickness that are floating around in the night air. No, he keeps his mouth shut and breathes through his nose, which means, too, that he breathes silently and does not snore.

A scout who snored at night on service would not be a scout for long; a listening enemy would find him out and polish him off, and we might put on his gravestone—"Died

MYSTERY OF THE PYRAMIDS.

ROYAL TOMB THEORY CHALLENGED.

Abbe Theophile Moreux, one of the most distinguished astronomers and mathematicians of the Roman Catholic Church, denies the theory that the Great Pyramid of Egypt was merely a tomb for the Pharaohs.

He has been checking the investigations made many years ago by Piazzi-Smyth, the English astronomer. As a result of his investigations he advances the theory that the Egyptian priests, who formed a sacred caste of scientists, constructed this vast mass of stone to preserve the mathematical and astronomical formulas they had discovered.

The Pyramids were to be a permanent sundial, calendar and a bureau of national weights and measures.

A Sardonic Sentinel.

He suggests that they built the Sphinx in front of it as a sardonic sentinel, mocking and defying the future to discover the secrets.

"It is true," says Abbe Moreux in a book, "The Science of the Pharaohs," "that many of the pyramids did serve as sepulchres, but this was not the principal reason for building them.

"The greatest of them, that of Cheops, built under the fourth dynasty, or about 2,500 years before the Christian era, disproves the sepulchre theory.

"The stonework of this monument is extremely fine, but there is hardly the slightest trace of the usual funereal inscriptions.

"If the Great Pyramid was not a tomb, what was the purpose of its construction?"

The abbe suggests that no one can explain how it happens that the sacred cubit that was used for all the measurements of the Great Pyramid is exactly the ten-millionth part of the polar radius of the earth. This is a remarkable liner unit, because of all the dimensions of the globe the polar radius is the only one that remains invariable for thousands of years.

Abbe Moreux then takes up the various measurements of the Great Pyramid and shows how practically all of them incorporate some mathematical formula, or some secret of the stars.

FISHES THAT WEAR MEDALS.

NATURALIST'S WEIRD DISCOVERIES.

Fishes with eyes on their "wrists," and fishes with light bulbs on their tummies. Fishes with medals round their necks, and fishes with periscopes on which they hook their dinners. Fishes that are all mouth. Fishes with lighted portholes like a ship.

Dr. William Beebe, the world-famous naturalist, discussed these and other matters when he and his party returned to New York from a seven months' exploration of the ocean depths off the coast of Bermuda. The expedition was his twelfth under the auspices of the New York Zoological Society.

"I have never in my life obtained so much on an expedition, and never did I know so little about what I caught," he said on returning to New York.

"I worked eight years in a quarter of a mile of jungle and did not find as much as during these seven months. About a third or our specimens have no names—they are new to science.

"We worked intensively in an eight-mile circle, at a depth of from 500 to 1,000 fathoms (a fathom is six feet).

Luminous Fish.

"We were able, off Bermuda, to obtain a depth of a mile five miles off shore. That meant that forty minutes after a fish came up in the net it was on my laboratory table.

"We studied shore fish as well as deep sea fish, using diving helmets for most of this work, but for the deep sea fishing we used nets.

"A private island, Nonesuch Island, opposite St. George was lent to the expedition by the Bermuda Government, which even went so far as to raise an old wreck and sink it again off the island to form a breakwater for us."

One variety of squid discovered by Dr. Beebe has its eyes at the end of its tentacles. Another is luminous and sends out rays of eerie light at a depth of 1,000 fathoms.

The "traffic policeman" fish, with a medal around its neck astonished even the hardened naturalists, as did the "portlight" fish, with curious white spots that lighten up in a dark room like the portlight of a ship, and the small fish that consumes 500 shrimps in a single short swim.

Mrs. Beebe and a number of women artists accompanied the expedition.

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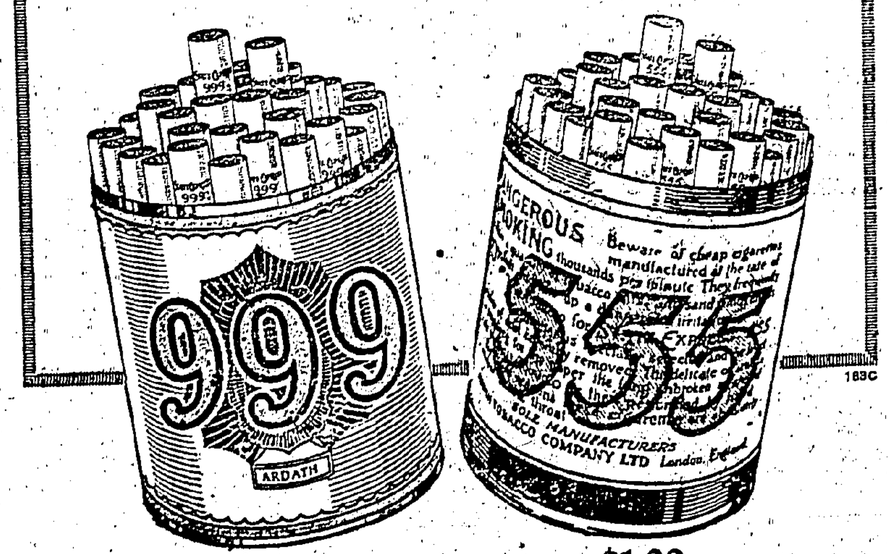
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"I say, I hope you haven't lost control of this car!" said the nervous friend of the fast driver.

"I suppose I have, really," he replied, putting on a fresh spurt. "I'm four instalments behind, anyway."

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"Why—er—no, sir."

"Well, why haven't we? I saw a film of the Pyramids last night, and it said they were covered with millions of hieroglyphics."

The salesman had urged his "best sellers" in vain. Finally he strdck out desperately.

"How would you like a loose-leaf Dictionary?" he asked.

"Got one," replied the prospect.

"What kind?"

"Webster."

"I didn't know there was a loose-leaf Webster."

"Well, you ought to see mine after my twins, 11 years old, have been using it for school work."

An automobile agent advertised for a salesman who could speak several languages. He addressed the first applicant: "And are you a linguist? I need a salesman who can converse with prospective customers in their native tongue."

"Yes, sir, I'm a linguist; I can speak everything but Greek."

"You speak French, of course," said the agent.

"No, I don't speak French," answered the applicant.

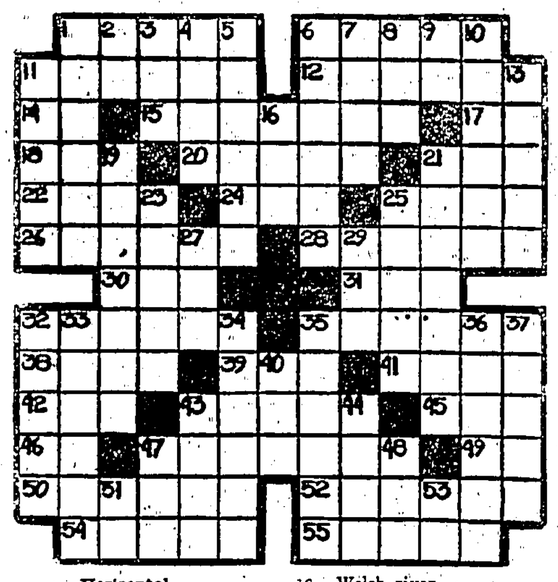
"Do you speak German?"

"No," said the applicant again, "I can't speak a word of German."

"Well, do you speak Spanish?" asked the agent.

"No," responded the applicant, "they're all Greek to me."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal.

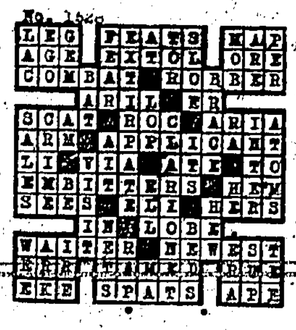
1.—Prejudiced persons.
6.—Disperses.
11.—Round about way.
12.—Attacks.
14.—Supposing that.
15.—To slander.
17.—Sun god.
18.—To soak.
20.—Attack by waiting.
21.—Chess pieces.
22.—A crustacean.
24.—Sheltered side.
25.—To sow.
26.—Drains.
28.—Colloquial: feats.
30.—By birth.
31.—To consume.
32.—Garments.
35.—To contrive.
38.—Domestic fowls.
39.—A beverage.
41.—Ages.
42.—Tatter.
43.—Musical instruments.
45.—By no means.
46.—Comparative ending.
47.—Model of excellence.
49.—Musical note.
50.—Coy.
52.—Not so tight.
54.—Priced.
55.—Finished.
16.—Welsh river.
19.—Pledging for loan.
21.—To refer to.
23.—Beverage (plural).
25.—Bland.
27.—To soak.
29.—Golf mound.
32.—Remnant.
33.—Listener.
34.—Put away.
35.—To hang.
36.—Breathed loudly in sleep.
37.—Compound ether.
40.—Age.
43.—A rodent.
44.—In a short time.
47.—To place.
48.—To bow.
51.—Mother.

Vertical.

1.—Earlier.
2.—Pronoun.
3.—Obtained.
4.—Possessive pronoun.
5.—Paths.
6.—Reddens.
7.—A single time.
8.—Custom.
9.—Symbol for tellurium.
10.—Enamel.
11.—Flat plates.
13.—Pulverized rock (plural).

This puzzle took 23 minutes to solve. See how long it will take you to solve it.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



SNAPSHOTS OF A MAN TRYING TO GET TO THE SIXTH

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



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SPORT AND ATHLETICS.

OUR LADY GOLF CHAMPION.

Looking back upon the English ladies' golf championship one is inclined to feel satisfied that the best player in the field won on this occasion. There are championships in which sometimes it appears that luck has played more than a fair part, but there is nobody to contest the view that Miss Molly Gourlay, playing at the top of her form, was the best of the bunch at Broadstone. All the competitors conceded this point. Miss Gourlay missed fewer shots during the whole week than any other player, and she played her long shots better—in so far that they went good distances and very straight—than she has done in previous meetings. She has, too, developed an ability to win matches. Hitherto she has given the impression that she was content to await an opponent's errors, but in the English championship she had the "will to win." It is interesting to know how she acquired this spirit. It came about when she was playing an important match recently. Miss Gourlay was opposed to a player who obviously was not so good a golfer as herself. She was keeping just ahead when a friend came up to her and, in a tone of bitter sarcasm engendered by ill-temper, said: "I suppose if the match was a twenty-seven holes game you would take it to the twenty-sixth." Miss Gourlay thought about this and decided that she had lost too many matches through failing to take advantage of her chances. She is a fine match-player as well as a good golfer, and that was the reason for her success.

BEAT SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

A. H. H. Gilligan's M.C.C. team gained an overwhelming victory against South Australia by 239 runs. The last five South Australian wickets added only 46, the home total of 86 being the lowest in representative cricket on Adelaide Oval since 1923, when New South Wales was dismissed on a rain-damaged pitch for 89. M. J. C. Allom and F. Barratt each took five wickets at small cost. The start was delayed owing to the sodden state of the wicket, due to rain overnight. Having dismissed half the side for 40 and with 285 in hand England had the game practically won, and strengthened the advantage in the second over of the day. At 1 o'clock Grimmett accompanied Richardson to the wickets. Allom and Barratt made the ball fly dangerously, several deliveries causing the batsmen to duck hurriedly. Apart from a tendency to kick the wicket played well, although foothold was precarious. Grimmett continued the debacle by making a feeble stroke at one from Barratt, and Richardson added to the foolish strokemakers when he fell into an obvious trap on the leg side in the last over before lunch. The tailenders prolonged the end for an hour, the three wickets to fall all being victims of excellent catches in slips. With the exception of three overs by Nichols, Barratt and Allom bowled throughout. The latter, in addition to swinging well, took full advantage of the opportunities presented by the wicket "doing a bit," and frequently completely nonplussed the batsmen. Barratt bowled with splendid length and spin, and took three wickets for 15.

GLASGOW'S "GOLD CUP."

The Glasgow Cup was once facetiously styled the "Gold Cup." This was when a Rangers-Celtic final tie first yielded a "gate" running into four figures. The Queen's Park shared the spoils when it became a settled principle to play a Rangers-Celtic final at Hampden Park, where in 1907 over £4,000 was drawn, the final running over three Saturdays. The other Scottish League clubs protested, and the finalists were restricted to a single Saturday. This did not prevent the two members of the "old firm" from sharing drawings of close on £1,500 in one of the war years, and in the boom period in 1921 £3,648 was drawn at a single match. Two years ago the drawings reached £3,126 net (Rangers and Celtic playing at Hampden), and on the latest occasion, with the restoration of the favourite conjunction of clubs and ground, the drawings exceeded £3,000. Dundee United, who should have met the Celtic in a Scottish League game, were standing idle to permit of the final being played. It ended drawn, and on a mid-week replay the sister clubs will experience twinges of envy when they learn, as no doubt they will, that a second "gate" far in excess of the best Saturday drawings of almost any of their number has been taken. It would be interesting to learn what would happen had Dundee United the effrontery to ask for compensation for disturbance of their schedule.

MAINLY FOR THE MEN.

The question of the right of challenge to the presence of women on a jury was discussed by Miss Bright Ashford, legal adviser to the Public Services and Magistrates Sectional Committee of the National Council of Women. The right had been severely criticized by the Recorder, Sir Ernest Wild, who expressed the view that it meant defeat of Parliament's object in enlisting the services of women in the administration of justice. The right was recently exercised in a case where the presence of women jurors was particularly desirable, and Sir Ernest Wild was emphatic in declaring that the whole position should be brought before Parliament, since, under cover of an ancient safeguard against injustice, opportunity was taken to object to women jurors, as such, and thereby to defeat the intentions of the Sex Disqualification Removal Act of 1919, which for the first time empowered women to act on juries. Miss Ashford said that she welcomed the publicity given to the matter, since it was with no uncertain sound that the Recorder had registered his protest. "I know," Miss Ashford went on, "that the feeling against women jurors is breaking down, because it is found that they are quite as capable of balanced judgment as are men, and every bit as quick to grasp the fundamental truth that decision must spring from a question of facts in which prejudices and inclinations are disregarded."

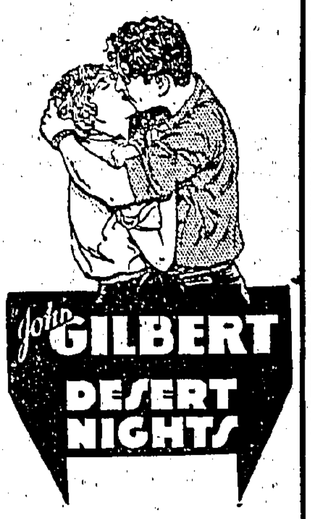
Unable to spare the railway fare to London, where he had to sit for a matriculation examination, Mr. William Buckley (27), of Trafalgar Street, Burnley, who has been a part-time evening student at the Municipal College, cycled to the metropolis and back. His small purse did not always enable him to find suitable lodgings, but, with wonderful grit, he "roughed it." One night he slept below a hedge bank, and on another occasion he found repose at Euston Station after he had been turned away from two other stations because he did not possess a railway ticket. After such a display of determination it is almost unnecessary to add that Mr. Buckley came out with flying colours. He felt the effects of his arduous ride while sitting in the examination room, but he stuck to his task and has been informed that he has passed not only the matriculation examination of the Unixersity of London but also that he has had the distinction of being in the first division, a success achieved by only 70 out of the 2,000 entrants.

Crimes of passion, which are by far the majority among murder cases in Rome, are in future to be dealt with more severely, says a circular by the Minister of Justice addressed to all presidents of courts of appeal. Reference is made to the "morbid sentimentality" which is allowed to play a big part in the trial of jealous husbands who murder their wives. Such a case, which occurred in Rome, when a husband was lacking which would prove the wife guilty of adultery, is mentioned in the circular, and a special request is made to juries and public prosecutors to carry out the law strictly, to beware of pleas of mental deficiency without medical examination, and, if such deficiency be proved, then to deal with the accused in special homes under the terms of Article 46 in the Penal Code. The circular was later read out at the trial for murder of an ex-carabineer, and it is hoped that it will find prompt application all over the country.

A Jewish Far Eastern republic is soon to be organized with help from America, according to an announcement received in Peping. A vast and rich region of Biro-Bidjan in Russian Siberia is being set aside for this purpose, where climatic conditions are said to be favourable for agriculture. The territory of the new state is about the size of Switzerland. The Government, which will be proclaimed officially as the Jewish Soviet Socialist Republic, will be closely connected with the other groups which form the Soviet union, but it will make its own laws and assess its own taxes. Yiddish will be the official language of the state.

STAR

A TENSE AND THRILLING DRAMA OF LOVE IN THE AFRICAN DESERT.



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61 WIVES IN TWO YEARS.

MORRIS, MARRIAGE BROKER.

Bluebeard, Henry the Eight, and other much-married heroes of fact and fable, have been dwarfed into insignificance by Morris Baskin, a naturalised American, of Wawer, a hamlet near Warsaw, who has achieved sixty-one brides in two years.

Morris was a trifle unfortunate in not being able to make it an even number. The police arrested him at the altar as he was about to go through his sixty-second marriage.

There is, however, nothing of the villain-of-the-piece about Morris Baskin. Marriage with him was purely a matter of business. Sentiment did not enter into the contract, nor did he so much as kiss one of his many brides.

He left them as soon as the ceremony—with bridal photograph—was completed.

Morris discovered that in Wawer and the surrounding district there were many Polish girls whose lovers had obtained work in America. They were most anxious to join them.

Alas! the emigration laws prevented this, and so the lovers had to wait. Morris thought this unfair. He knew that the wife of a naturalised American could enter the United States without difficulty provided that her papers were in order.

He also knew that "marriage by proxy" was sound in law. So he set himself up as a new kind of matrimonial agent, and his "clients" grew in number as the word went round.

Then came a day when Cupid defeated finance. Morris fell in love with the 62nd "bride," and she with him. They decided to marry and forget the Polish lover in America.

But Fate, in the shape of two gendarmes, stepped in. Morris, given away by the photographer, was first arrested on suspicion of bigamy, and now he is in gaol waiting his trial. It has been discovered that although bigamy is not the charge he can, and will, be charged with wholesale evasions of the emigration laws.

WOMAN BARBER'S WINSOME WAYS.

ART OF MAKING A MAN TALK.

The girl barber led me to a chair, writes a *Daily Express* correspondent, tucked an overall round my neck, squeegee'd some powder at me, and drew her scissors.

"Short?" she queried.

"Short round the edges, as it were," I replied; "but I think the top is best left undisturbed."

"Why?"

"Because there is so little there."

"Oh, but you still have a *lovely lot of hair there.*"

What a nice girl!

Silence for thirty snips. I wondered if she would talk like men barbers do. Then she said—how like a man!—

"Is it cold outside?"

"Well," I replied, "yes and no, if you understand."

"I understand perfectly," she said. I began to brighten up.

Practice Shaves.

"Tell me," I said, "how do you learn to shave a man? Is there a school, or what?"

"Oh, we just practise on funny old things who don't mind," she replied, after winning their confidence."

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At that I shouted with laughter.

"We are very careful. You see, a man will trust a girl to shave him for the first time, if she says she really has not been shaving very long; but that she will be *awfully* careful and *terribly* gentle. He thinks, "Poor little thing; she couldn't hurt a fly." And we never do. But he gets rather restive at the sight of a blase young thing who handles her razor and brush like a man."

That was psychology.

"Do you like your customers to talk?" I asked.

"Yes. Men always like talking. That is why I made you talk."

"Made me?"

"Yes. A woman can always make a man talk."

Psychology again: a man barber could not do that to me.

QUEEN'S

PART TALKING

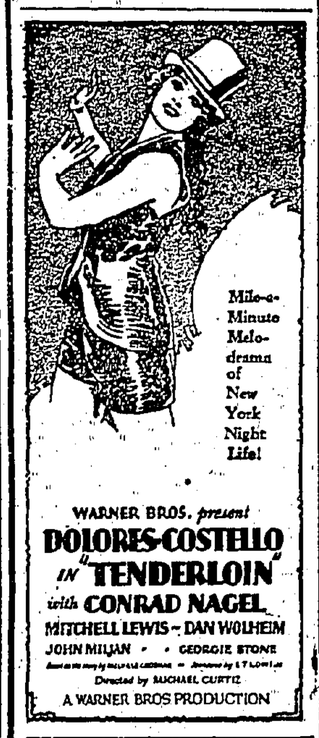
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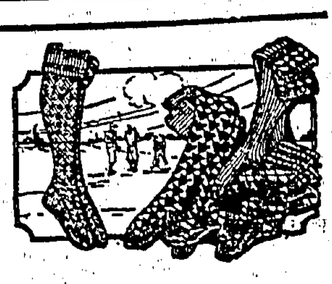
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MERRY MEXICO!

Mexico City, December 22.—Police and military are holding 20 alleged anarchists and also 30 others, including both men and women, in connection with an alleged plot against the life of former President Plutarco Elias Calles, it was learned to-day.

Much mystery has surrounded this "plot" which was first revealed by a local newspaper and later denied officially.

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TRADE THAT MIGHT BE CAPTURED.

Russia's need for credits, and its bearing on English industrial problems were recently discussed by Mr. E. F. Wise, M.P., the economic adviser to the Russian co-operative societies, at a luncheon at the Hotel Cecil given by the *British-Russian Gazette*, at which Sir George Armstrong, who described himself as a "port-wine Tory," presided.

Mr. Wise pointed out that credit was vital to the expansion of any trade whatever. He did not doubt that Russian trade would continue quietly and steadily to expand without any extra credit facilities from Great Britain, but the great expansion which would be advantageous to Britain depended on a business-like and sympathetic extension of facilities. Though Russia had suffered very severely from the civil war, her need of foreign capital was no new thing since the Revolution.

Even before the war the maintenance and development of her resources required some £40,000,000 of new investments each year. Her crops were moved by foreign merchant capital, and her trade was financed by English and German banks. Her position and her need for outside capital were similar to that of every agricultural country in the world.

No Bad Debts Since Revolution.

Already under the Export Credits Act credits had been guaranteed by this country in forty-four countries; in forty-three of them bad debts been incurred. It was perhaps hardly fair to judge Russia by the few months' experience under the Export Credits Act, but the fact remained that not only in those few months, but in the whole ten years' trading since the Revolution, no bad debts had been incurred by British traders.

Although the Export Credits Act had now been extended to Russia for some months, we were getting off the mark rather slowly, and there was, Mr. Wise found, a certain amount of dissatisfaction at this in commercial circles.

Russia was one of the few countries where production was now above the pre-war level. In 1913 there were 58,000 kilometres of railway in the territory now governed by the U.S.S.R.; to-day there were 77,000, although during the war and the civil wars 4,000 bridges had been destroyed and 23,000 kilometres of track more or less badly damaged. The present production of oil was double the pre-war production, and coal and textiles also showed an increase.

Up till now this development had been financed largely by internal savings through taxes and the profits of the State-owned industries. In this way two years ago £100,000,000 had been set aside for capital investment; last year the figure had been £150,000,000, while this year the figure had risen to £200,000,000. Next year it would be nearer £300,000,000.

These savings had only been made possible by going extremely short on the consumption side. This explained the constant shortage of all sorts of goods needed internally, such as tea, textiles, and foodstuffs, a shortage which was always being commented on in the newspapers.

How Credits Would be Used.

Russia needed foreign credits to supply investment for such capital purposes as generating-plants, railways, harbours, and ships, expenditure which any business would finance by the issue of debentures repayable over a period of 10 to 20 years out of a depreciation fund. Russia had been almost entirely deprived of these long-term credits, although she had been able to secure short-term credits for textiles and food-stuffs and agricultural machinery.

She needed more credits for all these purposes. Thus, though she now owned 32,000 tractors, chiefly bought from America and Germany, compared with a mere handful in 1922, she needed not 32,000 but 300,000, which she could put to good and profitable use. Her credit, Mr. Wise pointed out, was steadily improving. He had recently analysed the credits given by a group of leading British firms for the export of machinery. In 1923 Russia had to pay cash, in 1925 the average credit given from the time of shipping was three months, in 1926 it was 16 months, in 1927 17 months, in 1928 21 months, and in 1929 30 months.

Mr. Wise concluded by examining the question of security for loans and the allied questions of outstanding debts and claims. Russia had always been prepared, he said, to negotiate a business-like settlement, and the recent Henderson agreement provided that negotiations should start as soon as normal diplomatic relations were resumed, but such negotiations were idle unless arrangements were made for an increase of capital investment in Russia to make possible the export surplus which a debt agreement would entail.

Similar Cases.

There was absolutely no difference from the cases of Austria, Germany, Hungary, Bulgaria, and other States where a settlement of war debts had been accompanied by the necessary arrangements for capital investment. There could be no question of a loan from one section of British investors to pay off Russia's creditors. What Russia wanted was a loan to finance the export of plant and machinery to Russia. The Russian authorities were prepared to come to an equitable and business-like arrangement, but it would be fatal for the negotiations to get involved in moral and metaphysical claims, for Russia believed she could carry on without a loan in the future just as she had in the past ten years. She knew it would be difficult, but the "five years' plan" was based on this assumption.

With regard to the future, Russia could not afford to default, for if she prospered she would require more loans, while if she did not, only a loan would stand between her and a debacle. But even if there was a risk we ought to take it, for all British trade—the Indian and the American trade, for example,—had been built up on risks. It was vital that we should secure new markets, but since 1925 our Russian trade had dropped a quarter, while America and Germany had increased theirs in proportion.

"This and every Government," Mr. Wise concluded, "has got to think of South Wales as well as of South Kensington."

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CABARET DANCERS AT EYE LEVEL.

"RISING FLOOR" IN HOTEL SUPPER-ROOM.

Mr. Arnold Bennett, that expert in the niceties of hotel luxury, lent the approval of his presence recently to a gathering at the Savoy Hotel, London, held to celebrate some new ingenuities in the apparatus of life by night. Chief among these is the "rising floor," which may be regarded as an adaptation of stage technique to the after dinner and supper entertainment in hotels.

Silently and swiftly a large piece of the floor in the restaurant rises up to about the height of the tables, so that the guests sitting round see the Russian dancers, or what not, with their spry legs on a convenient level with the eye. There is no other floor with precisely these gifts in the world, though the French Riviera, where the possibilities of pleasure devices have been so scientificallly explored, has something rather like it. One certainly gets a much better view of that part of the performers' anatomy which is so much more important than their heads.

Perhaps the most interesting about this introduction thing is—namely, the tyrannous necessity of finding ever fresh novelties to amuse the sophisticated amusement-seekers of London's night life. We have got to the point at which entertainments by themselves are not enough. The way in which they are presented must be an entertainment in itself. Hence this Arabian Nights' device installed with elaborate labour and high cost for raising the whole dance floor thirty inches into the air in a moment.

According to a philosopher who was present rising floors will soon become as commonplace as lifts, which, when they came in, were called "ascending rooms," and were the subject of lyrical comment. The pace is still swifter in the sphere of dancers and the music, and it is recalled that only five years ago the late A. B. Walkley was tasting the fresh literary sensation of jazz, "the opium dream of De Quincey without the headache."

The guests at the Savoy had the privilege of a special performance from the very latest of dance orchestras—it hails from the coconut groves of California—whose playing marks, they say, a new and subtle change in dance music, for while the rhythm is more emphatic than ever the actual tone is softer and "warmer." Sir Landon Ronald, whose views on jazz are well known, put this differently in saying that this jazz band made "less of a hell of a row" than others he has heard. It was a bold thing to ask Sir Landon Ronald to speak, but no one could complain of his verdict that "if you like this sort of thing this is the sort of thing that you will like."

BY MAIL, WIRE, AND WIRELESS.

Blue Mountain.—About 50 girl students of Blue Mountain College, Mississippi, were injured as the result of the fall of a second-storey verandah.

Tokyo.—In view of the imperative need for economy, the Japanese Cabinet have issued orders for the reduction of all official salaries over £120 a year.

Rome.—The first of the two Roman galleys in Lake Nemi is entirely out of water and has been inspected by the Archæological Commission.

Piræus.—Piræus dock labourers are on strike. Coal and grain cargoes are at present affected, but it is feared that the strike may become general.

Coblenz.—The 23rd and 151st French Infantry Regiments have left Coblenz, and a French infantry battalion has evacuated Bad Ems, on the River Lahn.

Southend.—A sack containing the proceeds of three burglaries committed in Baxter-avenue, Southend, during the night was found beside a damaged motor-cycle at Leigh-on-Sea.

Winchester.—When returning from holiday with her mother, Nora Grace Maddocks, aged four, of Cosham Bungalows, Cosham, fell from a train at Winchester, and was killed.

Le Havre.—The British steamer Ferngarth, of Cardiff, sank off Le Havre, following a collision with the Swedish vessel Hedrum, of Stockholm. All the crew were safely taken off.

Munich.—Dr. G. A. Weltz, of Munich, and Professor Storm, of Leyden University, are making a series of balloon ascents in Upper Bavaria in order to investigate climatic phenomena.

Rotherhithe.—Following a collision with the steamship Baltonia, in the Thames off Farrants Wharf, Rotherhithe, a barge with a cargo of cottenseed was towed ashore in a sinking condition.

Aden.—There is famine in the Hadramaut, and that disease has broken out among the camels, so that transport is disorganized. Many starving people have come down to the coast at Mukulla.

BIRD WORTH £5,000.

GREAT AUK SAID TO BE ALIVE.

Is the Great Auk, the world's most valuable bird, still alive? A contributor to the journal of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds states that while staying recently on the Lofoden Islands, a lonely group off Norway, the discovery of an unknown bird was reported to him by two Norwegians.

Their description tallied with that of a Great Auk, and when shown a picture of one, both said it was identical with the bird they had seen.

The last known Great Auk was killed in 1843. Since then the species has been considered extinct. A stuffed specimen sold in London this year realised £660.

Lord Rothschild, the naturalist, was surprised when informed by a Press representative of the supposed find.

"There has always been a doubt whether a Great Auk still existed on an island of Iceland," he said.

"This island has not been visited since 1833, and it is just possible that some of the birds might still be there. But it is a very faint possibility.

"A live specimen to-day would fetch any fantastic figure which 'zoos' or private collectors cared to pay."

Mr. Edward Valpy, F.Z.S., who rented 50,000 acres of the Lofoden Islands for some years, said:—

"Almost anything could exist on these islands. They are unutterably lonely and desolate. I would like to believe that the Great Auk was still there."

"If the Auk is still alive it might be worth up to £5,000," said another naturalist.

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REV. D. F. PIKE BELIEVED MURDERED.

SHOT IN BACK BY BANDITS?

A number of reports which have been received in Shanghai during the last few days point to the fact that the Rev. D. F. Pike of the China Inland Mission, who was taken by bandits in Kueichow some months ago, is dead—murdered by his captors a few days after he had been carried off when on one of the regular itineraries connected with his evangelical work in the province. There is still a possibility that he is alive, it is understood, but the reports of his murder have come from so many different sources that the assumption that they are correct is more than justified.

The Rev. J. Crofts of the same mission has been making investigations in the country where Mr. Pike was captured, at no small risk to himself, and according to his inquiries the captive missionary was shot in the back by the bandits a few days after they had captured him, his clothes and the saddle of his horse taken, and his body thrown into a river. This report would appear to confirm the one published previously that the clothes and a saddle belonging to a foreigner had been found near the roadside in a village in Kuichow.

The missionary was an Australian and had been in Shanghai for a number of years before going to Kuichow. He leaves a wife and four sons. Mrs. Pike is still in Kueichow and from all accounts has borne her husband's martrydom and her own bereavement with great courage. The sympathy of a very wide circle goes out to her and her family.—*N.-C. Daily News*

CHINESE FARMERS PRAISED.

AN AMERICAN'S VIEW.

Washington.—An extensive report on Chinese agriculture, including both its present status and methods, was published recently by the Department of Agriculture.

It was compiled by the Agricultural Commissioner, Mr. Nyhus of Shanghai, the data having been largely gathered on a boat trip up the Yangtze.

The report show that lack of transportation has been the principal hampering factor in the economic development of Szechuan province, although present road-building activities are considered valuable as affording help for the future.

Mr. Nyhus declared that the farmers of China have shown themselves to be skilled in the rotation of crops, as well as in adjusting their activities to climate, nature of the soil and other factors. They have learned by experience what the Westerners have learned in laboratories, thus producing crops as large as the land and climatic conditions are capable of developing in any given locality.

The farmers possess adequate crop knowledge, in Mr. Nyhus' opinion, but they lack collective organizations outside the families and also lack official leadership. Thus the processes of stabilization of the agricultural situation are retarded.

At Chengtu there is evidence of proper progress in the use of modern improvements. One indication of this, according to the American observer, is the fact that the city officials are in favour of street widening.

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"THE MEANING OF DREAMS."

A LECTURE IN CANTON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Dec. 27.

A very interesting lecture on "Dreams" was given before a large audience in the Canton Y.M.C.A. auditorium last night, Thursday, by Dr. B. D. Ewer, Professor of Psychology in Pomana College, California. Dr. Ewer is visiting the Orient with his wife, and has given similar lectures in Nanking, Shanghai, Japan, and the Philippines. He is a well known author and is an authority on psychology.

During the course of his lecture Prof. Ewer said that dreams are expressions of some wish, desire or interest which for some reason or other cannot be expressed when one is awake. When one is asleep, his mind is relaxed. During deep sleep, which usually comes at the beginning of a period of sleep, a person very seldom dreams. But towards awakening, his sub-conscious mind becomes active, and a train of ideas emitting therefrom are put into the conscious mind. This enables the subject to recollect, more or less distinctly, upon awakening, what he has been dreaming about.

The lecturer then went on to relate that dreams have also useful applications. Thus some kinds of sickness can often be diagnosed and cured from the record of the patient's dreams. This type of dream often gives the condition of the patient prior to his illness. Valuable clues as to the cause of his ailment can be deducted from such a record, and the right treatment administered.

Interpretation.

Some dreams are very simple and can be easily interpreted in terms of past experience of the dreamer. Others are enormously difficult, and do not lend themselves to rational interpretation easily. But as a rule dreams are interpretable, as they are always more or less intimately connected with desire and daily experience. When a dream appears to be absurd and irrational, it is because we do not know its meaning, and the circumstances associated with it.

Dreams in themselves are not harmful, although the circumstances causing them may have a bad effect. Some dreams indeed, are actually beneficial, and have been instrumental in solving many a baffling mystery.

The kind of dream usually varies with age. Children often dream of toys, plays, fairy tales and things they are afraid of. These are what we call anxiety dreams, which become less and less as we get older. But at no time are we entirely free from them.

Symbolism in dreams often appears. Thus, a snake often stands for wrong doing, sin, repugnance and the like; a stone often represents difficulty; and an angel, hope and peace. The common dream of flying is usually interpreted by psychologists as showing on the part of the dreamer a suppressed desire to excel over others, and to secure their recognition.

POLITICAL SCIENCE LECTURES.

INTERESTING VISITOR.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Dec. 27.

Dr. Charles E. Martin, Professor of International Law and head of the Department of Political Science of the University of Washington, is expected to arrive in Canton to-morrow, Saturday, for a series of lectures on political science, civilization and international peace. He comes as a visiting professor of International Relations to certain universities in Japan, China and the Pacific area, under the auspicies of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

The purpose of Dean Martin's visit to the Orient, as stated by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, "is to multiply and strengthen the bonds of intellectual and scholarly understanding and friendship between Japan, China, the countries on the Pacific, and the United States, and to perform such academic services as may be found useful and practicable."

Dr. Martin has been enthusiastically received in all the cities he has visited.

THE CONQUEST OF KWANGSI.

CANTON REFUSES TO COMPROMISE.

According to the vernacular Press, the request of the Kwangsi insurgents for a compromise has been refused by the Canton High Command. It was originally decided to settle the matter without further fighting, but Generals Heung Hon Ping, Li Yang King, Chu Shao Liang and other Canton generals were of the opinion that the Kwangsi insurgents are "hopeless." They submit when they are unable to resist, but would revolt again when the time was opportune. Generals Chen Tsai Tong and Chen Ming Shu have, therefore, decided to finish the job once and for all. A military conference is proceeding in Wuchow to discuss means for the prosecution of the campaign.

Four divisions under Generals Li Yang King, Heung Hon Ping, Tan Tao Yuen and Wo Ping Wen are besieging the Kwangsi troops in Hohsien, which is expected to fall soon. Large numbers of troops have been also dispatched against the insurgents in the direction of Nanning. The Canton troops have captured Tenghsien and other minor position to the east of Sunchow which is also being besieged.

The "Ironsides" Retreating Northward.

The "Ironsides" have left Waichap in the extreme east of Kwangsi and are striking northward towards Hunan in the hope of joining the "rebels" under Tang Seng Chi. It is reliably reported that many of the Ironsides have deserted and returned to their native places in Kwangtung. In spite of Chang Fat Fui's order that any soldier attempting to desert the army will be executed, over a thousand men are said to have run away since their defeat.

A TWO-MILLION DOLLAR ESTATE.

THE LATE MR. CHOY MAN CHEUNG'S BEQUESTS.

Probate of the will o the late Mr. Choy Man Cheung, otherwise Choy Cheung (or Cheong), otherwise Choy Yau Hang, otherwise Choy Kwong Yam, late of Nos. 57 and 59 Wyndham Street, has been granted to the widow Choy Tong Shi, who is the sole executrix. Mr. Choy, who died at the age of 32 of malaria fever, left local estate valued at $2,354,000, most of which goes to the widow and three sons.

The will, which was signed by testator on June 6, one day before his death, is as follows:—"Will for 100 years to come. I, Choy Yau Hang, am the maker of this will. After deducting from my personal and real estate situate in Hong Kong or elsewhere, the sum of $15,000 is to be paid to each of my daughters, Choy Wing Yuen, Choy Wing Lun, Choy Wing Kin, Choy Wing Yin and Choy Wing Iu for dowry, and the residue of my estate shall be given to my wife, Choy Tong Shi, and my sons, Choy Wai Huen, Choy Wai Shuen and Choy Mai Lau, for their enjoyment. I appoint my wife Choy Tong Shi to be my executrix. These are my injunctions."

Estate duty charged at the rate of 7½ per cent., amounts to $180,600.85.

The deceased was a member of a well-known local family, of great wealth and his widow is the daughter of the late Mr. Tong Lai Chuen, compradore to Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co. and other well-known firms.

KIDNAPPERS IN NEW TERRITORY.

WOMAN ROBBED AND TAKEN AWAY.

A Chinese woman living in Chan Chuk Wan, in the New Territories, was attacked by four men during the early hours of Christmas morning, who kidnapped her and decamped with jewellery to the value of $34. The outrage was committed in the presence of her 13 year-old-daughter. The robbers did not carry any fire-arms nor did they make any threats.

LAICHIKOK CONVICT ESCAPES.

STILL AT LARGE.

A convict at the Laichikok Prison succeeded in making good his escape last Saturday. He was one of a party who were at work outside the prison on the fields near the main road. Although under armed guard, the convict appears to have eluded his watchers and got clean away.

The man was serving a term of three months' hard labour for "larceny from the person." Special search parties were sent out to look for the man but up to a late hour last night no success had been made.

ROUND THE COURTS.

AT KOWLOON MAGISTRACY

"TECHNICAL" HARBOURING.

A SELF-APPOINTED POSTMAN.

A Chinese foreman of a perfume factory was charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at Kowloon Magistracy, yesterday with harbouring and abduction of a girl under the age of 21.

Mr. H. R. Butters of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, prosecuted and Mr. F. X. D'Almada was for the defendant. Mr. M. W. Lo held a watching brief on behalf of the parents.

It was alleged by the prosecution that the girl had worked at the factory where she met the defendant. Her father objected to the working conditions and refused to allow her to continue. Some time later she disappeared and, after several days, she was found living with the defendant at an address in Sai Yeung Choi Street.

Mr. D'Almada said that he would pleaded guilty to "technical" harbouring, as the girl was under 21. There was no abduction. The girl had come to the defendant's house the night before she was arrested and asked for shelter, which was given. The defendant had asked if her parents knew where she was and she replied that she had run away from home. That she had quarrelled with her parents was shown in her statements made at the Police Station.

The defendant was fined $25.

LETTER THIEF GETS SIX MONTHS.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with stealing a letter from a widow living at 107 Woosung Street: two Christmas cards and a post card from Misses M. and D. Leung, 21, Shanghai Street and a letter from 395, Reclamation Street.

It was stated by the prosecuting officer that the defendant went to the first complainants' address and, presenting a letter, addressed to her, said that he was a travelling trader and had been asked to deliver it. He asked for 25 cents for expenses.

The widow told the defendant to return later, and on Christmas Day the defendant again presented himself at her house. In the meantime she had sought the advice of her brother. The latter met the defendant and while questioning him noticed a number of other letters in his pocket and became suspicious. With the assistance of a passer by he took the defendant to the Police Station, where the letters were examined.

The defendant, it transpired, stole letters and opening them would add a brief message that the bearer was to be paid delivery expenses, before enclosing each letter in a new envelope.

The Magistrate imposed a sentence of six months' hard labour.

FORGED BANK NOTES.

A Chinese was convicted of possession of three forged $100 Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank notes and was sentenced to five months' hard labour.

The defendant was arrested in Portland Street and the notes were found concealed in the sleeves of a tight fitting singlet.

Evidence with regard to the forgery was given by the shroff of the Magistracy, Mr. Cheng Hing Wing.

BRASS STOLEN FROM DOCKYARD.

A stonebreaker employed by Messrs. Lam Woo (contractors) at the Kowloon Dockyards, was charged with stealing two pieces of brass valued at $134 which he had smuggled out of the yard. Mr. H. Marriot of the Kowloon Docks prosecuted and the defendant was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

HOUSE BREAKER JAILED.

Pleading guilty to house breaking at 73, Laichikok Road and stealing a brass cooking pot valued $10, a Chinese was sentenced to five months' hard labour. The defendant gained admittance to the house by climbing over the back wall and breaking the glass of a window and lifting the latch. He handed the pot to a Marine hawker, who was also charged and fined $50 or one month's hard labour for receiving stolen property.

(Continued on next Column.)

VILLAGE MURDER.

EXTRADITION CASE AT MAGISTRACY.

DEFENCE PLEAD AN ALIBI.

A Chinese who is wanted by the Canton authorities for the alleged murder of a woman on April 27, 1927, was again before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at Central Magistracy yesterday in the extradition proceedings.

Mr. Hin Shing Lo, who defended the fugitive, put him in the box to give evidence, indicating that his defence would be an alibi.

The prisoner stated that he was known by the name of Lau Ying and by no other name. He had been a house coolie at the Grand Theatre, Wanchai, for 11 years, and was working there at the time he was alleged to have committed the murder. He would call two fellow employees to support this statement.

In answer to Mr. Lo he said that one of the witnesses accusing him of the murder, was a bully and was merely attacking him.

Prisoner: I do not know the deceased girl or her mother. I have lived all my life abroad and have seldom been in my nattive village.

Are you aware that there are five clans in the village and your clan has not been on good terms with the deceased girl's clan?—Yes.

Oppressed By a Bully.

Mr. L. R. Andrewes (cross-examining): Why does Au Piu oppress you?—If he does not oppress me he would starve. He is a bully and preys on our clan. We only number about 300, while his clan is about 1,800 persons.

If yours is a poor branch, what advantage does he get by preying on your branch?—Some of the members are better off and he preys on them.

Prisoner suggested that the witness was accusing him so as to obtain the reward offered for the apprehension of the murderer.

A ticket collector and a coolie employed at the Grand Theatre gave evidence that the prisoner was at his work in Hong Kong at the time of the alleged crime in the village.

Mr. Lo commented on the absence of plans of the scene of the crime. He submitted that the alibi had been established beyond reasonable doubt by the two witnesses.

An adjournment was made for one week to enable another witness previously working at the Grand Theatre to be traced.

SCAFFOLDING STOLEN.

A Chinese was charged with stealing 140 bamboo poles from a building under construction at the junction of Jordan and Canton Roads. It was stated that the defendant, under the pretext that he had received instructions from the contractor, took the poles away in a truck and shipped them to Hong Kong. In the course of the day some 600 to 700 poles were stolen from the premises!

AT CENTRAL MAGISTRACY.

TRAMWAY EMPLOYEE FINED.

An employee of the Hong Kong Tramway Company was sentenced to three months' imprisonment by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at Central Magistracy for receiving a calculating machine, the property of the Tramway Company.

The defendant was also charged with stealing the machine, but denied this charge while pleading guilty to the other. The machine was stolen from the office on December 16. The defendant had worked with the Company for three years and his father had also been employed by them.

THREE MOTOR THIEVES DEALT WITH.

Sentence of four months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. E. W. Hamilton on Li Yui, aged 23, who was convicted of the theft of a motor horn from private motor No. 387.

The defendant was caught by Mr. H. E. Strange of 127 Wong Nei Chung Road. The defendant on seeing Mr. Strange approach threw away a parcel which he was carrying, and took to his heels, but was caught near the Football Club and handed over to a Chinese constable.

In passing sentence, the Magistrate observed that theft of motor-car parts was becoming too frequent, and that he intended to take a serious view of such offences.

Another man was sentenced to four months on pleading guilty to a theft of a wind screen valued at $30, the property of a Chinese gentleman residing at Pokfulam.

A third defendant was sentenced to a similar term for stealing an overcoat from a peg outside the Civil Service Cricket Club.

THE CONFUCIUS ESTATES.

NANKING OFFICIAL'S PROPOSAL TO CONFISCATE THEM.

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE APPEAL TO GOVT.

Further details of the proposal to confiscate the properties of China's sage, Confucius, and his descendants appeared in various Chinese newspapers last week.

It will be recalled that a circular telegram was issued by Mr. Kung Teh Cheng, a lineal descendant of the sage, begging the National Government not to approve of the proposal to seize the Confucius family estates. Mr. Kung also sent telegrams to the General Chambers of Commerce and other public organizations throughout the country, appealing to them for support in his fight for justice.

In response to this telegram, the General Chambers of Commerce of Peping, Taiyuan and Nanchang have issued a circular telegram which reads:—

Confucius the Reformer.

"In spite of the fact that he was born during the period of feudalism, Confucius, China's greatest sage, singled out Emperors Tang and Wu Wang for praise for their revolutionary deeds which resulted in the overthrow of two tyrannical rulers because they acted in accordance with the wishes of the people. In his article 'Li Yuan,' the sage advocated a World's Union and it may be seen from his books that he possessed modern thoughts and was not guided by the truism of aristocracy in his writing.

"Mencius, China's next sage in greatness, was a student of Confucius' doctrines, and it was he who first introduced democracy to China by his saying: 'The People first, Emperor next.' Dr. Sun was also an ardent admirer of Confucius.

"In 1928, the chairman of the Shantung Provincial Government sent a telegram to the Central Government, suggesting that Confucius' birthday should be observed by the people throughout the country. His suggestion was immediately approved by the Central Government and an order issued to this effect. This order further instructed the schools throughout the country to hold memorial meetings on Confucius' birthday and to deliver speeches regarding his doctrines and life so as to show that the people of the country have not forgotten what the great sage did and said.

Promised Protection of Property.

"From this, it will be seen that it is the duty of the Government to protect the properties left by the great sage. Unfortunately, however, certain Government officials have proposed the confiscation of the famous Confucian forests, temples, and other properties. This proposal is very detrimental. Can the mind of our deceased Party leader be set at ease if it is adopted? The Kuomintang Government has repeatedly declared, both officially and unofficially, its intention to accord proper protection to private properties. Why, then, is there this proposal to confiscate the private properties of Confucius and his descendants?

"The National Government is earnestly requested to protect the properties of the Kung family and to issue an order forbidding any such proposal for the confiscation of such properties in future so as to comply with the wishes both of our late Party leader and of the people."

MR. PHILLIPS OPPENHEIM.

LOSES £30.

Mr. E. Phillips Oppenheim, the well known author, who is making a tour on the pleasure yacht Stella Polaris, lost £30 in English money, on Christmas Eve whilst in Pedder Street. The money was in an envelope which he carried in his pocket. He did not discover the loss until he had occasion to look for it. Colonel Wyatt made the report to the police.

Our representative was told at the Central Police Station last night that there was not much hope of getting back the money.

During a wedding ceremony at St. Mary's Parish Church, Walton-on-Thames, the bridegroom fainted and collapsed at the chancel steps. The best man caught him as he fell, and the vicar, the Rev. W. Kemp Bussell, also went to his help. The ceremony was resumed after a delay of more than 20 minutes.

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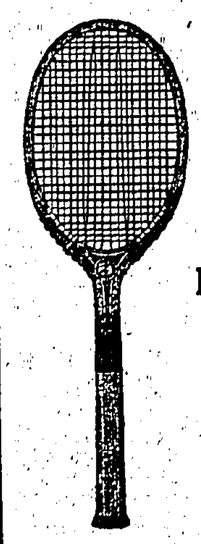
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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 4.40 p.m., stated:—

The anticyclone over S.E. Mongolia is probably moving eastward. Moderate monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate, fine to cloudy.

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RUSSIAN METHODS IN CHINA.

A declaration of civil war within the Nationalist Party itself is seen by some observers in the expulsion from the Kuomintang of Wang Ching Wei, a close associate of Sun Yat Sen and the present leader of the "Left" element within the Party. While it is true that Wang has been outspokenly against the personnel and policies of the present National Government in Nanking, doubts are being freely expressed as to the wisdom of such an extreme step as expulsion, which would seem to slam the door on all chance of reconciliation. Inevitably, a parallel is found in the policy of the Soviet Government toward such erstwhile leaders as Trotsky. In many ways, despite the avowed antipathy of the Chinese Government towards Soviet Russia, there are points of similarity in general organization, procedure, propaganda work, and present currents.

With special reference to Wang Ching Wei and Trotsky it may be noted that Wang was a favourite secretary and confidant of the late Dr. Sun, as Trotsky was close to Lenin. After the death of the two leaders, Wang and Trotsky became banner-bearers for the more extreme policies of their former chiefs. In each case, the Government moved to the Right to such an extent as to bring about tension, and finally rupture. In the case of Russia, however, in spite of continued non-recognition by various Governments, the governing group has become a "going concern" before the expulsion of radicals was resorted to. The Powers have recognized Nanking, but Nanking is in most quarters still considered to be in such a new and precarious stage as to require support from all possible sources, not excluding the Left, so far as support from them may be had.

Central Party Headquarters recently issued a statement reporting the receipt of telegrams from Kuomintang branches abroad "expressing their high indignation at Mr. Wang Ching Wei's revolt against the Party, and urging that he be expelling from the Kuomintang and duly punished." These messages are cited in support of the Central Executive Committee's action in ordering his expulsion and arrest. It cannot be doubted that from many sources there have been urgings of this sort, but critics base their arguments on the grounds both of sentiment and expediency. It is felt on the one side that to alienate one of Dr. Sun's closest friends is an unhappy situation, while on the other it is pointed out that the Government has enough breaches to heal without *tearing open new ones*. The whole question is one of tremendous complexity, involving not only party politics but, from some points of view, the entire policy of the governing group. In some quarters it is declared that Nanking is continually trying to over-do the "centralization" idea, fighting all who oppose the leaders, and ruthlessly lopping off any who stand out as individualists. Too much borrowing from Russia in the matter of committee organization and dictatorial policies is seen.

Meanwhile there are some interesting developments in Russo-Chinese affairs in quite another direction, for the Young Mongol movement promises to become an important factor in the future of the Chinese Eastern Railway in North Manchuria. According to reliable reports from official foreign sources in Harbin, the Young Mongols have decided to set up an independent republic on the Soviet pattern in Barga, a large district in North-western Manchuria of which the city of Hailar is capital. The Mongols, according to this report, agreed to assist Soviet Russia in her dispute with China over the railway, in return for a promise that the Soviet would support the Mongol claim to independence. If the report is true, this would mean that the Mongols would have virtual control over the western line of the Chinese Eastern Railway, with command over an important link in the trans-Siberian route.

A glance at the map will show that Barga is in an important strategic position. The area is bounded by Outer Mongolia, Inner Mongolia, Manchuria, and Soviet Russia. The district juts into Outer Mongolia, and if its independence were established, would make the western boundary of Manchuria run almost in a straight line north and south. The Young Mongols in Barga have attempted several times during the past few years to obtain independence from the Chinese. They have complained against the harshness of Chinese rule, and especially against the invasion of Chinese farmers from Shantung, who have settled upon lands held for generation by the Mongols. About a year ago the Young Mongols gave the Chinese a great scare when they cut the Chinese Eastern Railway near Hailar, and attempted to set up a separate Government. At that time, however, the Chinese were in a position to send troops to put down the revolt. Since the break with Soviet Russia last July, however, many things have happened to weaken the Chinese position. The Chinese have completely alienated Soviet sympathy, and it seems quite probable that the Soviet would support an independent Mongol Government in Barga, particularly if it followed Soviet patterns.

Certainly for the next few months the Manchurian militarists will not be in a position to move against the Mongols in Barga. The United Press correspondent in Peping says it is learned definitely that Mongols are patrolling the railway from Hailar to the Siberian border, and that Soviet officers are directing their operations. It is reported from most reliable sources that the Mongols, under Russian direction, are rounding-up all White Russians suspected of anti-Soviet activities, and shipping them out of the district. If the Mongol Republic is definitely established in Barga, it will mean some sort of change in the control of the Chinese Eastern Railway. The Soviet, having forced the Chinese to surrender completely in the dispute over the railway, will demand their full equal share in control. The Mongols, with an important section of the line running through Barga, will probably also demand a share in running the line. As the Young Mongols are more friendly to the Soviet than to the Chinese, such a development would increase Russian influence over the railway, and correspondingly reduce Chinese influence.

News and Views.

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce is meeting on Monday at 2.30 p.m.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for week ending December 7 amounted to 105,045 tons, and the sales during the period to 80,318 tons.

Seven cases of small-pox, all Chinese, were reported during the three days ending December 26. There were no other cases of notifiable disease during the period.

An anti-opium oratorical contest was held under the auspices of the National Anti-Opium Association on Christmas Day at Shanghai. The contest for college students was fixed from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and that for middle school students, from 8.30 to 10.30 a.m.

Nearly 44 piculs of opium and a quantity of other drugs and opium smoking implements were seized by the Shanghai Customs, and burnt at the Pootung furnaces at 9 a.m. yesterday. Three thousand ounces of opium confiscated by the Provisional Court at the same time went up in flames.

Two men were brought before Mr. Grantham at Central Magistracy yesterday for causing a nuisance by going through the contents of dust-bins. They were discharged on their promising not to do it again. The Magistrate told them that they had better leave dust-bins alone, as germs might be released which would not only be a

"Keep your mouth shut!" is the advice given by the Chief Scout in an article appearing on page 2 in to-day's issue. The article is primarily intended for Boy Scouts, but some of their elders can read it to advantage.

H.E. the Governor and Lady Clementi will hold a farewell reception at Government House on Tuesday, January 28, at 9.30 p.m. No individual invitations will be issued, but His Excellency and Lady Clementi will be glad to see their friends of all communities. Those intending to be present are requested to send in their names to the Aide-de-Camp beforehand.

In view of the Chinese proposal to take back her shipping rights from the hands of foreigners, says the vernacular press, the Ministry of Communications is contemplating the establishment of a new shipping company with a capital of $40,000,000. This money will be provided by the National Government. Plans, which include both domestic and foreign shipping, are being drawn up.

A match has been arranged between Able Seaman Ewin, of H.M.S. Kent, who holds an Imperial Services Boxing Associat Championship, and Able Seaman "Jock" Crichton, of H.M.S. Cornwall, holder of the Welterweight Championship of Hong Kong. Articles have been signed and it was announced yesterday by Mr. J. Brook, manager of the Hong Kong Boxing Association, that these two men will meet over 15 two-minute rounds for the middleweight championship of the Colony, on Saturday, January at the Theatre Royal.

A soldier who escaped from his escort when a train stopped at Woking had two pieces of luck in the first few seconds of his few hours of liberty. He narrowly missed being run down by an express train as he ran across the metals, and he gained precious seconds when railway officials, not knowing what had happened, stopped his escort who were pursuing him. He ran out of the station and was soon lost sight of in the main street, but after a search by police and military he was captured on a common three miles away.

For the fifth year in succession, and sixth time in all, Miss Eleanor Mitchell, the London typist, has triumphed over all comers at the European typewriting championships in Paris. Competing against 71 other entrants from all over Europe, Miss Mitchell, who was born in Manchester, 23 years ago, held her place against rivals who have been challenging her for years, Mlle. Dupuis, who gained second place last year, was Miss Mitchell's closest competitor, and Mlle. Divien was third. Miss Mitchell also won the contest for the fastest repeated phrase, with Mlle. Dupuis second. The competition for the most perfect typing was won by Fraulein Fisher (Germany), with Mlle. Marteau (France) second and Miss Mitchell third.

The ex-Kaiser has instituted a libel suit against the editor of a Democratic Berlin newspaper for publishing a report to the effect that the ex-Kaiser was financially interested in the former Krupp works and that the army was supplied exclusively with Krupp guns, which, it is alleged, were greatly inferior to those of other firms. For that reason, the newspaper said, the German artillery entered the war inadequately equipped, to the enormous benefit of the ex-Kaiser's private purse at the expense of the lives of Germany's best sons. Quarters in close touch with the former Kaiser deny these allegations, saying they do not in the least conform to the actual facts, and are, moreover, a gross insult to the former military administration.

Fading Glories?

The question now being mooted in London—whether the Strand is losing its old importance in London—seems to be one of those which people who live out of London are best qualified to discuss. It is an axiom that no one is so ignorant of London as the Londoner, and the question ought therefore to be put to the occasional visitor, whether from other parts of the island or from overseas or from the Continent. Undoubtedly the Strand has lost something by the transference of the Continental trains farther west and south. When Charing Cross was his station instead of Victoria or Waterloo the Continental visitor began London with the Strand—yet there was no railway station at all when Johnson made his famous boast of the Strand. There are other points for discussion. Did that inane song which linked the Strand with the banana owe its popularity to the fame of the thoroughfare, or did the Strand of that period owe something to the song? Impossible to say. At the same time it does not seem very easy to name any other London highway that has eclipsed the Strand. Oxford Street and Kensington High Street are certainly more popular with women, but the Strand was never a great feminine street. Its fame rested on the fact that it was the best microcosm of London, and, if that is not true of it still, where else are we to look with any confidence?

The engagement is announced of Miss Pearl Kwok, winner of the recent Shanghai popularity contest and daughter of Mr. George Kwok Bew, director of the Shanghai Mint and managing director of the Wing On Co., and Mrs. Kwok Bew, to Dr. Wen Shou Fu, M.D. (Harvard University). Miss Kwok is a graduate of St. Stephen's College, Hong Kong, and Dr. Fu, who was for some time an instructor in children's diseases at the University of Michigan, is now, in addition to being a private medical practitioner, engaged as professor of the National Central University and head of the children's department of the Red Cross Hospital, Shanghai.

Something new in naval aviation was tried out recently by an officer at the U.S. training station at Newport, R.I., who descended by parachute from an aeroplane into the bay and landed in a rubber boat which he carried with him. At a height of 2,000 feet he leaped from the 'plane, pulling the rip-cord immediately. When he had descended 300 feet he released the valve on the compressed air he carried, inflating the rubber lifeboat he had strapped about him. He landed in the bay sitting up in the boat, and a submarine then took him aboard.

How entire fortunes were wiped out in Wall Street during the recent avalanche of trading is shown in the case of Miss Margaret Shotwell of Omaha (Nebraska), the twenty-two-year-old pianist, daughter of a former High Court Judge of Nebraska. A bachelor friend of Judge Shotwell, who greatly admired her playing when a little girl, left her in his will nearly £200,000 in Reynolds Tobacco Stock. A few weeks ago she was tempted, like hundreds of thousands of other American women, and decided to have a flutter on the market and sold out good sound stocks and bought heavily on margin. She was caught in the maelstrom, and not only lost all she possessed, but found herself £10,000 in debt to a broker.

The Vatican has informed the British Government that the revision of the Gregorian calendar, particularly the establishment of a fixed date for Easter, is considered by the Vatican as untimely, and the Vatican would prefer that the question be postponed indefinitely. This opinion is expressed, it is stated, at the request of the British Government, which was desirous of knowing the views of the Holy See, following the efforts of the League of Nations towards revision. It is understood that the Vatican sees no serious reason for changing such an ancient tradition as the date of Easter, and thinks that revision of the calendar would break the unity of the calendar in regard to those oriental countries which only recently adopted the Gregorian calendar after numberless difficulties.

"All Quiet."

A Czech Army officer, General Kadlec, has forbidden the soldiers of his division to read Erich Maria Remarque's book, "All Quiet on the Western Front." Strong efforts are being made to exclude it from all the army libraries. It is interesting to note that the Czech Minister of Defence, Dr. Vishkovsky, is in favour of the book being banned. He says:—"I am not officially in the position to make any statement about General Kadlec's action. From a literary standpoint Remarque's book is a highly original work which fully deserves all the public attention it has received. But it is a controversial question whether this book, which was born of the atmosphere of a defeated people and filled with the spirit of defeatism, is the most suitable literary fare for new recruits, who are anything but ripe enough to cope with the book's tendency."

World's Largest Plane.

At Dessau last month the "first goods train of the air," which is the best description of Germany's great new land plane, G32, made her first trial flight from the Junkers works. There was genuine enthusiasm for an achievement which challenges that of Dornier's flying boat, though in a totally different field. G32, the world's biggest aeroplane, is constructed on an entirely new plan. The motors, of which there are four, two of 800 horse-power and two of 400 horse-power, are built into the wings. They are visible to the two pilots the whole time, this making for an increase of safety. The Junkers firm, who desire to construct one day an entirely tailless plane, have gone a good step towards it already. A little imagination foresees a flying house constructed on a similar plan. At present the Junkers firm, deeming it necessary to prove the commercial value of the plane, have refrained from providing elaborate passenger cabins, although the G32 has room for thirty-four people. Instead, it has space to carry three tons of freight. This can be transported 2,500 miles, or from Berlin to Khartum, at a speed of over 125 miles per hour. Owing to a new type of air brakes and a new arrangement of the wheels with special axle construction, landing and taking off are rendered smooth, with a minimum of jerks. Technicians express admiration for this new link in the chain of air traffic development.

Frank H. Warder, who until last spring was the New York State Superintendent of Banks, was last month convicted of receiving while while in that capacity a bribe of $10,000 for the late Mr. Francesco Ferrari, president of the City Trust Company, which in February failed for $5,000,000. The bribe was the price of Warder's withholding the examination of certain banks. Evidence was brought to show that the "considerations" which the Superintendent of Banks received from Mr. Ferrari included house-rent, furniture, carpets, a motor-car for his daughter, and a trip to Italy for his daughter and wife.

The tidiest man in the world, Sir Mohammed Habib-ul-lah, Indian Minister of Education, is in London. He is also the busiest, for he sits at his desk for twelve hours a day without even rising for meals. Seven native servants attend to the needs of Sir Mohammed, but he is far from satisfied that the perfect servant has been found. "I am a tidy man," he said with pride to a Press representative who found him engaged at the Berkeley Hotel on a report of his work as leader of the League of Nations Assembly. "Most people," he added, "are untidy. I have noticed it in London. This morning I happened to leave my room for a minute, and when I returned my pencil was not in its place. It had been moved two inches. Now that is not the working of an orderly mind."

Mr. H. R. Phelips Leaving the Colony.

Mr. Hugh Richard Phelips, Auditor to the Hong Kong Government since 1904, is leaving the Colony on retirement and will sail for England on January 4. Educated at Weymouth College, and at Queen's College, Oxford, Mr. Phelips was appointed to the Exchequer and Audit Department in London in April, 1894. In October of that year he was made local auditor to the Niger Coast Protectorate and in December, 1896, became assistant auditor in Uganda. He served in the Uganda Mutiny and received a medal and clasp for his services. In April, 1897, Mr. Phelips was appointed local auditor to the East Africa Protectorate. In 1904, Mr. Phelips was appointed auditor to the Colony of Hong Kong arriving here in December of that year. In 1911, he took over the duties of Hon. Auditor to the Hong Kong University in addition. Mr. Phelips is very well-known in the Colony and will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends.

More "Dewarisms."

Lord Dewar, who spoke at the annual dinner of the Association of British Chemical Manufacturers in London last month, sustained his reputation for epigrams. Here are a few of them:—

"If I were to attempt to discuss chemistry I should find myself in the same position as the plump ladies, who are generally pleased to be weighed in the balance and found wanting."

"Some electrify their audiences—others only gas them."

"The goal of every man is to make money faster than his family can spend it—a few succeed."

"There seems to be no finality of new discoveries in chemistry, but you have yet to invent a fertiliser that will make lawn seed grow half an inch and then stop."

"No man can tell the number of blondes the Imperial Chemical Industries have made for the benefit of mankind."

"One way to abolish wars for all time would be to agree to postpone the next war until the World War debts are all paid."

Looking Back 25 Years.

During the Christmas festivities an inebriated Jack Tar was taken to No. 7 Police Station, where he thus accosted the inspector on duty: "Say, boss, is this the Sailors' Home?" "No," replied the Inspector, "but it has been the home of many a sailor."—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, December 28, 1904.

Looking Back 50 Years.

Although foreign trade with China appears to progress slowly, and in some staples to stand still, there is no doubt that it is capable of great expansion in goods which have as yet hardly been placed on the market. It is true that piece-goods do not grow in favour as could be wished and was reasonably expected, but the fact is that the native cloths are often more durable, and for rough wear are preferred by the natives. Lancashire manufacturers should carefully study the wants of Chinese consumers if they wish to compete successfully with the coarse and relatively costly fabrics of the native looms. In that way only can they expect to secure a hold on the native market. Instead of doing this, there is a disposition on the part of some manufacturers to spoil the market by flooding it with oversized and loaded cotton, which of course will not last so long as the home spun nankeens and other clothes. But if the increase in the consumption of foreign piece-goods is not what could be wished, it is satisfactory to note that other goods are in great request.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, December 28, 1879.

EXTRALITY TO BE ABOLISHED.

DEFINITE DECISION BY NANKING.

OFFICIAL MANDATE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Dec. 27.

At an emergency meeting of the Central Political Council this morning, it was decided to issue an official mandate on January 1 next declaring the abolition of extrality.

The mandate will be divided into two parts. The first will declare that foreigners residing in China will be hereafter subject to laws promulgated by the Central Government, and local authorities.

The second part will declare the immediate promulgation of a code covering lawsuits involving Chinese and foreigners.

GENE TUNNEY WINS.

MRS. FOGARTY "CLIMBS DOWN."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 27.

Mrs. Fogarty has signed a stipulation, through her counsel, that neither the motion for judgment on her breach of promise case, nor Mr. Gene Tunney's cross-complaint should be contested, and that an injunction restraining her from ever prosecuting a similar claim should be issued against her.

VARIABLE WEATHER IN ENGLAND.

SEVERAL SHIPPING MISHAPS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 26.

Christmas holiday weather was variable yesterday, and sun, sleet, and rain had turns, accompanied by high winds, which reached a velocity of a 90 miles an hour hurricane.

Several shipping mishaps occurred round the British and French coasts, fishing vessels being cast on the rocks and their crews narrowly escaping death.

Heavy weather in the North Sea caused a bad leak and other damage to the lightship "Thalun," a new vessel from Newcastle to Rangoon. She was towed in to dock at Dover.

Boxing Day was favoured with warm sunshine and very agreeable outdoor weather, of which holiday makers took full advantage.

DR. COOK'S APPLICATION.

RELEASE ON PAROLE REQUESTED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.

It is learned from Leavenworth, Kansas, that an application by Dr. Cook, the well-known Polar explorer, for his release on parole from his sentence of fourteen years' imprisonment for conspiracy to use the mails fraudulently, will be heard in January.

Dr. Cook has served one third of his sentence and will, therefore, be eligible for release on parole if he can produce a record of good behaviour while in prison.

WHITE HOUSE FIRE.

CAUSED BY DEFECTIVE FLUE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.

The fire which destroyed the Presidential Executive Offices attached to the White House occurred on Christmas Eve.

It is attributed to the overheating of a defective flue.

President Hoover has decided to use as his office, the room in the White House in which President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation.

OIL PRODUCTION IN COLOMBIA.

GULF COMPANY "SHUT UP SHOP."

PROTRACTED DISPUTE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.

Tired of its long litigation with the Colombian Government, the Gulf Oil Company, which the Mellon interests control, has suspended its field of operations in Colombia, by its subsidiary, the South American Gulf Company.

It is stated that a recent Colombian law added 16 per cent. in taxes to the regular royalty charges on Colombian oil production.

BOOTLEGGING IN U.S.A.

MORE "REVELATIONS."

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

CHICAGO, Dec' 27.

The Grand Jury here is investigating a charge that $50,000,000 worth of grain alcohol was diverted by manufacturers and others having a legitimate use for it, to a mythical company which passed it on to bootleggers at an enormous profit.

ORTIZ RUBIO IN AMERICA.

A GREAT RECEPTION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.

Senor Ortiz Rubio, the President-Elect of Mexico, was accorded a most elaborate welcome by the U.S. Government on his arrival here today.

The ceremonies included a personal welcome at the station by Mr. H. L. Stimson, the Secretary of State, and Mrs. Stimson, and an exchange of calls between President Hoover and Senor Rubio.

FRANCE AND SPAIN.

PRIMO DE RIVERA'S VISIT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

HENDAYE, Dec. 28.

It is reported from Madrid that the forthcoming visit of General Primo de Rivera, the Spanish Dictator, to Morocco, is due to a request from the French Government that Spain send twenty thousand men to Morocco in connection with operations contemplated by the French authorities.

TELEVISION FROM AN AEROPLANE.

NEW METHOD OF AERIAL SURVEY.

An attempt to transmit to radio-observers on the ground what is seen from a flying airplane is described in *Air Travel News* (Detroit), by S. P. Winters. This visualisation of ground objects for broadcasting from an airplane is being undertaken, by C. Francis Jenkins, of Washington, B.C., by means of a combination of photographic lens and radio-vision equipment. It is proposed to survey "the lay of the land" during an airplane's flight, and transmit the images by radio to picture-receiving sets in homes and offices or to other airplanes. In a word, television "equipment goes aloft. Writes Mr. Winters:—

"When television takes to the air the attempt is so flighty, metaphorically and literally, as to confound the imagination. Offhand, there is the suggestion of potential use in war as a rapid means of surveying and photographing enemy territory. As an instrument for peace-time service, in the location of a hydro-electric plant manufacturing enterprise or in timber prospecting, an official of such development projects may be seated in the comfort of his office viewing photographs transmitted by radio while the surveying airplane is in flight. If these applications seem somewhat far-fetched, the United States Government might employ such a scheme for surveying proposed airways, mapping swamps and isolated regions, taking toll of damage done to agricultural crops by hail or tornado, and estimating our timber wealth in the National Forest."

PRODUCTION OF COAL.

WORKING TOWARDS AN AGREEMENT.

THE 1930 CONFERENCE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, Dec. 27.

Nine of the principal European coal-producing countries, Britain, Germany, Austria, Belgium, Spain, France, Holland, Poland, and Czecho-Slovakia, will participate in the Coal Conference convened by the International Labour Bureau at Geneva on January 6.

Each country will send three delegates, representing the Government, the coal owners, and the miners.

The questions of working hours, wages, and conditions of labour in coal mines will be considered, in order to decide which shall be inscribed on the agenda of the 1930 session of the International Labour Conference, with a view to reaching an international agreement.

AUTHOR CHARGED WITH MURDER.

CRIME DESCRIBED IN HIS OWN NOVEL.

A passage in a novel dealing with a secret political murder by members of the German Black Reichswehr has led to the dramatic arrest at Berlin of the author, Herr Peter Martin Lampel. It is stated that Herr Lampel is under suspicion of being concerned in a murder entirely similar to that described in his book.

The police allege that Herr Lampel, who, in 1921, was a member of the Oberland Brigade of the Black Reichswehr, with a number of accomplices shot dead a member of the brigade named Koehler, whom Lampel and his comrades had sentenced to death because they believed to have attempted to betray their plans to their enemies, the Poles.

Book Hero.

Herr Lampel described in his book an execution in circumstances identical with those of the murder of Koehler.

The hero of the novel, who the police believe is Herr Lampel himself, fired the fatal shot, and this has led them to the conclusion that it was Herr Lampel who killed Koehler.

Herr Lampel was taken under armed police escort to Liegnitz, where he was cross-examined with a number of other former members of the Oberland Brigade arrested in connection with this eight-year-old crime.

A SEAMAN'S DEATH.

WITNESSES' CONFLICTING STATEMENTS.

An inquest was opened last month at Southampton on the body of George Guy, 49, of the Isle of Wight, a seaman employed on board Lord Beatty's yacht Sheelah, who was found drowned in the River Itchen near the point where the yacht is laid up for the winter. Lord Beatty and Mr. J. F. Fulton, one of the witnesses, were represented by solicitors.

The Coroner, who sat with a jury, said that there was no suggestion at present that Guy met his death from the violence of others, but there was considerable discrepancy in the statements of witnesses, and it would be necessary to adjourn the inquest for further inquiries.

The master of the yacht said that Guy was a sober man and a good swimmer.

James F. Fulton, of Letchworth, Herts, said he was on board the Conqueror, an American ship, which was near the Sheelah, when Guy came aboard and spoke to him. Guy, who was perfectly sober, left at 7.15 that evening. Almost immediately afterwards, the witness heard a splash and the sound of wood striking something. He went out, and saw the gangway of the Sheelah hanging alongside the vessel. He could get no reply to his shout—only a sweeping sound in the water. He jumped in and swam about for 10 or 15 minutes, but owing to the darkness could see nothing. He then got out of the water and went to a public-house, where he told the landlord what had occurred. The landlord telephoned to the police. There were no spirits aboard the Conqueror.

Mr. Seager Thomas, police surgeon, said that death was due to drowning. There were two wounds, one on the right wrist and the other on the left ear, which might have been caused by sharp stones. Guy must have had a large quantity of liquor or a small quantity of strong liquor.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. OBATA.

SERIOUS SITUATION ARISES.

THE JAPANESE VIEW.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Dec. 27.

A delicate situation which will possibly result in the severance of Sino-Japanese diplomatic relations has been created by Nanking's definite refusal of Mr. Obata as Minister.

Although officials deny that severance is at present contemplated they admit that Nanking has been requested to reconsider, and warned that serious consequences may eventuate if a refusal is insisted upon.

On the other hand, the Japanese Government appears to be hopeful that Nanking's decision, though nominally final, will prove otherwise, as it is felt that the attitude is largely dictated by the Chinese internal political situation, which is always subject to sudden changes. Japan's strong stand on this matter is understood to be due to considering Nanking's objections invalid.

Ostensibly the refusal is due to Mr. Obata being *non persona grata* owing to his connection with the "21 Demands" but as no such objections were raised when Mr. Obata was appointed Minister in 1918, Japan considers the objection untenable, especially as China recognised Mr. Obata's services in the settlement of the Shantung question by bestowing an unusually high decoration.

It is understood that Japan, in addition to asking Nanking to reconsider the matter, has instructed Mr. Shigemitsu to seek a personal interview with Chiang Kai Shek, for the purpose of thrashing out the question.

THE MACHINERY OF BEAUTY.

12 MILLION PERMANENT WAVES.

The hairdressing fair of fashion organised by the hairdressers' general Committee and Hairdressers' Wholesale Association, Ltd., was opened at the White City, Shepherd's Bush last month. This fair was really a beauty parlour on an enormous scale, giving every opportunity for seeing how beauty culture is done and every encouragement to do it. Hairdressing was, of course, the most important feature, and it is remarkable to what a high level of elaborate efficiency this craft has been raised.

Throughout the week there were exhibitions and competitions in every branch, particularly in that of permanent waving. It seems that twelve million women in Great Britain have their hair permanently waved every six months, so it is small wonder that so large a part of the fair should be devoted to it.

A great many of the stands displayed sinister-looking electrical apparatus, and a stage was put up with special lighting, and seating accommodation for a considerable number of people provided, so that visitors could watch the whole of the actual process. Haircutting and trimming also played an important part, and the mere layman (woman) was enabled to distinguish between the classic shingle, the satin shingle, the silvery glory, and the piquant crop, and even learn there is now a method of training babies' hair to grow curly.

Nor was the display of beauty culture confined to the hair or even to the head. In addition to everything there was to be seen in the way of mud and ice packs, lotions, soaps, creams, powders, scents, and other preparations, there were also further aids to beauty in the form of applications and machines for reducing and otherwise improving the figure, less complicated and grotesque than those of the permanent hair-waving department perhaps, but nevertheless impressive enough to the uninitiated.

Hairdressers from all over the country competed for a gold cup, the highest award of the trade, and prizes were offered to the general public in competitions of judgment on the various exhibitions. There was also a children's beauty contest each afternoon.

The fair was a revelation to anyone who does not realise the growing importance of the industry of beauty culture. There are treatments of the greatest variety for everything—hair, skin, eyebrows, teeth, finger-nails, and the figure. There seems to be nothing that nature has not left open to improvement, and the means and methods of improvement were most instructively and attractively displayed.

FRANCE AND NAVAL TALKS.

LIMITATION BY TONNAGE.

"FIRST PRINCIPLES."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Dec. 26.

The French Government has addressed a Memorandum to the British Government on the subject of naval disarmament.

The French contention is that the reduction of armaments should be based on Clause Eight of the Covenant of the League of Nations, which it declares offers the only basis for suitable preparation of an agreement, not involving *a priori* mathematical formula, acceptable to all Governments not to be represented at the London Conference.

The Memorandum indicates a preference for limitation by tonnage, but declares the readiness of the French Government to adhere to a compromise method, regulating the distribution of tonnage among the different classes of ships.

It is made clear once again that the interdependence of air, land and sea armaments is the foundamental principle of French policy.

The French Government hopes that it will not be obliged to deal with questions relating to the fixing of land and air armaments, but it must point out that tonnage adequate to its naval requirements are closely related to the general level of armaments.

The Note says that France is not averse to solutions enabling Powers so desirous of entering into definite mutual agreements, not awaiting the conclusion of an agreement for the limitation of all armaments.

It also emphasises the importance that France should have warship tonnage adequate to her national needs from a geographical and colonial viewpoint.

Finally, France suggests that the Mediterranean Powers should have a mutual guarantee and non-agression agreement, including the Powers not represented at the London Conference, especially Spain.

A Japanese Nominee.

TOKYO, Dec. 27.

The Cabinet has decided to appoint Mr. Matsuzo Nagai, the present Ambassador to Belgium, as a delegate to the Naval Conference in London.

THE FREEDOM OF THE 19TH HOLE.

GOLFERS WHO HAVE TO MISS THEIR DRINKS.

Every golfer in England, from the tiger who plays off plus two to the humblest rabbit, may soon be called upon to shoulder his niblick and fight for the freedom of the immortal "nineteenth hole."

The National Golf Club Protection Association has started the campaign by writing to 400 clubs pointing out that it is essential that the peculiar needs of golf clubs should be placed before the Royal Commission on drink supplies.

The view of the association is that golfers are prevented from obtaining refreshments at such times as the State gives them permission to do so for the reason that their starting times for a round are not entirely under their own control. Therefore, their subsequent return to the club house may be during prohibited hours through no fault of their own.

Evidence to be given before the commission on behalf of golf clubs will be in favour of a discontinuance of the present restriction, or alternatively of an extension of hours, such hours to be at the discretion of each golf club to accord with its individual needs.

HEALTH BULLETIN OF EASTERN PORTS.

FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 21.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Plague.		
Alexandria	—	4
Baghdad	1	—
Cholera.		
Calcutta	40	28
Rangoon	1	—
Tuticorin	32	6
Bangkok	1	—
Pnom Penh	2	2
Small-pox.		
Berbera	1	4
Baghdad	3	3
Bombay	19	11
Calcutta	7	5
Karachi	2	4
Madras	27	7
Moulmein	3	3
Rangoon	1	—
Batavia	1	—
Belawan Deli	1	—
Canton	1	—
Shanghai	—	2

THE AEROPLANE AGE.

FRENCH CRASH OVER MOULMEIN.

A MYSTERY SOLVED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RANGOON, Dec. 26.

In a telegram describing the accident to his aeroplane, Le Brix says that they were flying at a height of 2,000 metres over the Moulmein Valley at midnight among clouds and amidst mountains. They found themselves being forced down to earth. It was impossible to turn back, so they flew in circles for an hour.

The lighting gave out and the machine was frightfully buffeted. Finally they decided to jump in order to avoid striking the mountains.

Rossi's parachute was damp and worked badly. He landed on his back and was delirious and in great pain. Natives carried him to a village. He will probably be laid up for six weeks. The aeroplane was destroyed.

Italian Plane Down.

ATHENS, Dec. 26.

An Italian postal seaplane with a crew of five crashed during a storm near the small island of Steustrationes, off the Turkish coast The Greek cruiser "Helle" was despatched to the rescue, but no trace of the machine or its occupants could be found.

PARIS, Dec. 26.

The mystery of the missing aeroplane has been cleared up. The machine was found wrecked off the coast of Tripoli. The three occupants are dead.

Organized Search.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.

Three powerful cabined aeroplanes and a number of experienced Canadian pilots have arrived at Seward, Alabama, in order to participate in the search for Lieutenant Fielson, the Norwegian airman explorer.

The planes will be reassembled at once and will fly either to Nome, the starting point of Lieut. Fielson's last flight, or to Teller. They will begin their search methodically, arrangements having been made whereby all the ground will be covered.

A special feature of the Canadian arrangements is that each of the planes will carry special cameras to record details of the areas flown over which might be unnoticed by the human eye.

UNIVERSITIES FOR INDIA.

VICEROY ON EDUCATIONAL STATESMANSHIP.

In opening the All-India Universities' Conference in Delhi last month, Lord Irwin, the Viceroy, made a memorable speech on the new standards, the adoption of which by the universities was made necessary by the modern political and social life of India. This conference which is representative of the universities throughout India, affords constant opportunities for the exchange of views and discussions on university problems, and has, it is acknowledged, had already a beneficial influence.

Lord Irwin's address, which evidently created a deep impression, was wholly directed to what he described as the problems of educational statesmanship, particularly in relation to India's main problem—namely, the adaptation, without too violent jar or stress, of an ancient and organic structure of society to the driving the modern world. The new forces, he said, were moving and unloosing new energies, kindling the imaginations and hopes of millions of future citizens of India at their most impressionable age. Could this ardour of youth, this coursing of blood through the young veins of India, be utilized and directed to constructive ends, or would it become an explosive force, charged with incalculable danger to the future of the land? "This question should be written in flaming characters over the desks of all who guided public opinion or policy."

Lord Irwin described the function of a university as the creation and maintenance of high standards of learning, right judgment, and conduct, which together formed human character and were vitally important in the eadership of public life. He asked whether Indian universities to-day were adequately fullilling these requirements, and he pointed to facts suggesting that some were satisfied with unreasonably low standards. The gravity of such a fault could hardly be exaggerated.

He specially commended to the consideration of the conference the proposal of the Hartog Committee that the Government should no longer insist on a university degree as a passport for service and the need of preventing the uneconomical overlapping now apparent among the numerous Indian universities; and he reminded the conference that in practical affairs it was the privilege of the large body of amateurs who constituted the public to appraise the work of the

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INDIA'S STATUS AGAIN.

GANDHI'S VIEWS ON "SWARAJ."

VICEROY'S EFFORTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LAHORE, Dec. 26.

The Executive Committee of the Indian National Congress has decided that Gandhi's resolution defining Swarai as complete independence, etc., when submitted to the Congress to-day shall begin by expressing appreciation of the efforts of the Viceroy towards a peaceful settlement, but regretting that the Congress is unable, in the present circumstances, to be represented at the proposed Round Table Conference.

The Committee discussed the resolution for four hours to-day. No delegate opposed the boycott of the Councils, but some urged that the boycott should include the Law Courts and schools.

Dr. Ansari and Miss Naidu suggested that the door should not be closed to further negotiations.

In his reply, Grandhi said that even in the of the most militant programme the door was not closed, and in all political warfare the opponents could always meet at the peace table.

THE "DIVING CRUISER."

SECRETS OF FRENCH CRAFT THAT CARRIES A 'PLANE.

Inside the great dockyard arsenal of Cherbourg, the French submarine Surcouf, the world's newest and largest under-water craft, was launched last month.

Photographers were not permitted to be present at the launching of the mystery ship, while the distinguished guests were warned that even the possession of a camera was liable to make them suspected persons. A close guard was maintained at the entrance to the dockyard, and only people bearing special passes were allowed to enter.

Although many details of her construction are withheld, the Surcouf is known to have features which make her one of the most redoubtable of modern war vessels.

Deepest-Diving Vessel.

She is known to be 424ft. in length and to have a speed of 19 knots (22 miles an hour) on the suaface and nine knots (10½ miles an hour) when submerged.

Her designers expect her to dive to a depth of 420ft., or 80ft. more than the existing diving record.

Her displacement is 3,257 tons when afloat and 4,300 tons when submerged, which is 700 tons more than the displacement of the X.1, the largest British submarine.

She carries a crew of 150 officers and men.

X.1 carries 110 officers and men.

Surcouf is armed with four 5.2inch guns, and one anti-aircraft weapon. Her 14 torpedo tubes can be fired simultaneously.

Her bomb-proof armour-plated deck is intended to render her invulnerable to attacks from the air, as airplanes proved successful "submarine spotters" in the Great War.

Seaplane Hangar Aboard.

A waterproof hangar is included in her equipment. It will house a small scouting seaplane.

Surcouf's cruising radius is stated to be 13,000 miles, or half the world's circumference.

The launching ceremony was performed by M. Leygues, the French Navy Minister. He was accompanied by M. Surcouf, the grandson of the famous French sailor after whom the submarine is named.

The British United Press states that if the new vessel satisfies the French Government she will be the forerunner of a fleet of large submarines, intended to protect the trade routes to the French colonies in the East.

The seaplanes carried by Surcouf will be fitted with folding wings. It will be possible to take the 'plane out of the hanger and slide it into the water ready to take off in five minutes. "Packing-up" the seaplane will take eight minutes.

Sports News

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY'S GAMES.

The following matches in the Hong Kong League are down for decision to-day:—

Division I.

(Kick-off 4 p.m.)

South China *v.* Royal Navy, Caroline Hill ground. Referee: Mr. F. Smith.

Club de Recreio *v.* St. Joseph's, King's Park ground. Referee: Lt. Seal, M.C.

Kowloon F.C. *v.* China Athletic, Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. W. E. Hollands.

Hong Kong Police *v.* Hong Kong F.C., St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Mr. T. G. Stokes.

R.A. *v.* K.O.S.B., Sookunpoo ground. Referee: Ldg. Ness.

Division II.

(Kick-off 2.30 p.m.)

Eastern F.C. *v.* Ewo, Chinese, China Athletic ground, H.V. Referee: Sgt. Bunting.

Club de Recreio Res. *v.* South China "B," King's Park ground. Referee: Ldg. Cook Kidd.

H.K.F.C. Res. *v.* University F.C., H.K.F.C. ground. Referee: R. Q. M. S. Clark

St. Joseph's Res. *v.* China Athletic "A," St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Mr. J. Lawrence.

R.A. Res. *v.* South China "A," Sookunpoo ground. Referee: C. S. M. Parry.

R.A.M.C. *v.* Royal Navy Res., Caroline Hill ground. Referee: Mr. C. Mose.

Kowloon F.C. Res. *v.* K.O.S.B. Res., Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: L. S. A. Ryder.

Comment.

In the absence of the S.L.I. from the senior division the position at the head of the league should be changed. South China receive the Royal Navy at Caroline Hill and with the Navy at full strength the result should not be in doubt.

The return of Fung King Cheong should strengthen the home attack, but with McGregor and Jones, the Navy should not be worried by the forwards.

China Athletic cross the harbour to meet Kowloon on the Railway ground. This game will be a great draw, and a large crowd is expected. Kowloon have brought Miles over from the left to right and Eastman is again included in the senior team. The visitors should return with the points.

The Club de Recreio receive St. Joseph's at King's Park, and a keenly contested game should be seen. With A. V. Gosano as leader the home team should win.

The Police and Club meet for the first time this season. The Club are expected to win but the Police will run them very close and may force a draw.

The R.A. and K.O.S.B. play their return game at Sookunpoo. The Gunners surprised the K.O.S.B. in their first game and took a point. The K.O.S.B. are expected to win to-day.

The leaders in the junior division are out at Kowloon against the Kowloon F.C. Reserves. The visitors should win. South China "A" should secure full points against the R.A.

The Royal Navy meet the R.A.M.C. in the game postponed from November 6. Points are fairly sure for the Navy.

Eastern should take full points from Ewo. Other winners should be China Athletic "A," H.K.F.C. and South China "B."

GOLF.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29.

9.24 a.m.	H. H. Lennox and E. D. Lawrence.	
9.28 ,,	R. E. Coxon and R. Young.	
9.32 ,,	J. Ralston and S. Berg.	
9.36 ,,	H. Hampton and W. S. Hillier.	
9.40 ,,	B. Petheram and J. Jones.	
9.44 ,,	J. P. Warren and R. K. Valentine.	
9.48 ,,	E. Lewis and S. S. Perry.	
9.52 ,,	F. M. Ellis and S. J. H. Fox.	
9.56 ,,	A. Piercy and J. Gardner.	
10.00 ,,	P. Morrison and W. A. Butterfield.	
10.04 ,,	E. P. Fletcher and E. D. Matthews.	
10.08 ,,	C. Shank and B. J. Lacon.	
10.12 ,,	I. H. Geare and C. Mycock.	
10.16 ,,	A. C. I. Bowker and A. H. Penn.	
10.20 ,,	G. B. S. Thomson and D. S. Edward.	
10.24 ,,	S. T. Butlin and W. J. S. Key.	
10.28 ,,	A. G. Coppin and D. Ellis.	
10.32 ,,	W. G. Lorimer and J. Harrop.	
10.36 ,,	A. Anderson and A. B. Purves.	
10.40 ,,	A. O. Brawn and E. Des Vœux.	
10.44 ,,	T. Grant and M. Liddell.	
10.48 ,,	E. Grimble and V. M. Grayburn.	
10.52 ,,	J. R. Hinton and J. R. Collis.	
10.56 ,,	A. E. Lissaman and L. R. Andrewes.	
11.00 ,,	J. Forbes and C. E. Moore.	
11.04 ,,	W. B. Cornaby and R. A. Campbell.	
10.08 ,,	O. Enger and W. J. Roberts.	
11.12 ,,	J. Coulthart and G. E. Ellams	

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

CLUB *v.* NAVY PROSPECTS.

The first of the matches in the triangular tournament will be played on Saturday, December 28, at Happy Valley, when the Club meet the Navy.

Taking a line through the Club *v.* Cornwall match the Navy appear to have a good chance of winning. They are being represented by a very strong side, built round a nucleus of the Cornwall team of whom no less than nine have been chosen.

The Club on the other hand, will not have such a strong side as last week. Scott and Riddell are unable to turn out, and Ross is still unfit which necessitates a re-shuffling of the outsides.

The Club's side is as follows:—

R. J. Grieve; L. Goldman, G. P. Lammert, J. D. H. Hutchison, and H. V. Koop; G. A. Plummer and J. L. Bonnar; D. A. Milne Day, A. D. Suttill, W. F. Peers, F. R. Burch, E. R. West, B. P. Massey, J. A. E. Kendrew, and B. L. Stock.

Referee: Capt. Deakin.

Kick-off at 4.15 p.m.

YACHTING.

THE MACAO RACE.

The first boat home in the Macbao yacht race was Norseman, which crossed the finishing line at 12.37.04 yesterday. Queen Bee was next, at an interval of about three quarters of an hour and Curlew was third.

The crew of the winning yacht were Lieut.-Commander L. G. Addington, R.N., Pay.-Lieut.-Commander D. M. Passmore, R.N., and Lieut.-Commander E. E. Hill, R.N. The boats started at 7 a.m. on Thursday morning, the race being to Macao and back.

Lieut.-Comdr. Addington, in describing the race, said that in company with Chinook, Queen Bee and Curlew they took the passage south of Lantau. Queen Bee and Curlew led on the outward journey, which was made with a fair wind all the way to the mark buoy, Macao; Queen Bee and Curlew rounding it at 5.20 p.m. and Norseman later. At 8 p.m. Norseman overtook Queen Bee. The wind dropped and Norseman was becalmed till 3.30 a.m. The wind freshened at that time and held till the finishing line was crossed just after noon.

The Northerners.

Mr. H. S. Rouse gives us the following account of the adventures of the six boats taking the other route. They were La Cigale, Azuma, U & I, Wanderer, Coquette and Typhoon.

The "Northerners" proceeded with a good breeze by Capsuimun Pass, where they found the ebb tide just making against them, but the six boats eventually got through and with the breeze from South of East made very good time to inside the Brother Islands. From thereabouts the wind came more from the westward causing the boats to break off into tacking. La Cigale went to the westward while Coquette and U & I went more to the North. Eventually La Cigale stood over to the North, being followed by Wanderer, the other two boats standing in to the westward, eventually taking the lead from the boats which had gone to the north.

The Night.

Azuma and Typhoon at this time appeared to be more or less becalmed off Sau Chau Island. Later at 5 p.m. it was seen that U & I and Wanderer had come to anchor and then La Cigale was seen to do the same. Coquette tried to make to the westward, but appeared to be taken up the river by the strong flood tide. The boats were anchored for approximately two hours, but then gradually made their way to the westward in fitful airs, till they arrived at Nine Island.

At about midnight Coquette was spoken by Norseman, homeward bound. The passage from Nine Island to the Mark Lighter proved very tedious. At about 2 a.m. U & I was spoken by Chenook, and eventually succeeded in rounding the Mark at 4.45 a.m., La Cigale being about two minutes in front of her.

The Dawn.

Nothing had been seen of Azuma and Typhoon for some time. With the dawn the wind came in light airs from the North and U & I was seen to make up over the ebb tide and eventually found herself to the southward with the wind freshening. La Cigale was seen down to leeward. At Bluff Point Wanderer appeared to be even more to the South and what was thought to be Coquette was well up the River.

The breeze freshened considerably and good time was made from here to the Club through the boats experienced a rather dull flood in Capsuimun. U & I arrived at the Club at about 5.50 a.m., La Cigale being about one hour later.

HOME FOOTBALL.

RESULTS OF BOXING DAY MATCHES.

SEVERAL UPSETS OF FORM.

English League football matches on Boxing Day saw a number of reverses for the teams which won the previous day. Aston Villa, in the First Division, avenged their defeat at home by their victory over Manchester City. Portsmouth followed their example by wresting the points from the Arsenal. Sunderland, which had also been defeated, beat Blackburn in the return match. Six matches in the Second Division were drawn. West Bromwich had their revenge against Millwall by a score of 6-1. Plymouth Argyle, leaders in the Southern Section, made up for their defeat at Coventry.

Results as cabled by Reuter follow:—

Division I.

Arsenal	1	Portsmouth	2
Birmingham	0	Manchester U.	1
Burnley	2	Bolton	2
Derby	3	Leeds U.	0
Huddersfield	3	West Ham.	0
Leicester	1	Grimsby	0
Liverpool	2	Sheffield U.	0
Manchester C.	1	Aston Villa	2
Middlesbro'	2	Newcastle	2
Wednesday	4	Everton	0
Sunderland	3	Blackburn	1

Division II.

Barnsley	1	Notts Forest	1
Bradford	2	Oldham	2
Cardiff	1	Bristol C.	1
Chelsea	4	Blackpool	0
Notts C.	0	Swansea	0
Preston N.E.	1	Bury	1
Reading	1	Bradford C.	1
Southampton	1	Tottenham	0
Stoke	3	Hull	1
West Brom.	6	Millwall	1
Wolves	0	Charlton	4

Division III. (Southern).

Bournemouth	1	Gillingham	2
Brighton	2	Brentford	0
Bristol R.	4	Fulham	1
Crystal P.	5	Walsall	1
Exeter	3	Scunthend	1
Northampton	4	Luton	1
Plymouth	3	Coventry	0
Queen's P.R.	3	Norwich	2
Swindon	0	Clapton O.	0
Torquay	3	Newport	2
Watford	2	Merthyr	3

Division III. (Northern).

Accrington	3	Darlington	1
*Carlisle	-	Nelson	-
Chesterfield	2	Rotherham	1
Doncaster	3	Rochdale	1
Lincoln	0	Halifax	1
New Brighton	3	Tranmere	0
South Shields	3	Hartlepools	5
Stockport	4	Port Vale	2
Wigan	1	Southport	1
Wrexham	1	Crewe	0
York City	3	Barrow	1

*Postponed owing to ground being unfit.

There is another full round of matches to-day and during the New Year holidays as under:—

SATURDAY.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Birmingham	*v.*	Aston Villa.
Bolton	*v.*	Everton
Burnley	*v.*	Manchester C.
Grimsby	*v.*	Sheffield U.
Leeds U.	*v.*	Arsenal.
Leicester	*v.*	Huddersfield
Liverpool	*v.*	Middlesbro'
Manchester U.	*v.*	Newcastle.
Wednesday	*v.*	Portsmouth.
Sunderland	*v.*	Derby.
West Ham	*v.*	Blackburn.

Division II.

Bradford C.	*v.*	Stoke.
Bristol C.	*v.*	Notts C.
Cardiff	*v.*	Charlton.
Millwall	*v.*	Blackpool.
Notts Forest	*v.*	Chelsea.

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HONG KONG LADIES' HOCKEY CLUB.

There will be a practice game on the Naval ground at Happy Valley to-day, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

All members are requested to attend.

Oldham	*v.*	Bury.
Preston N.E.	*v.*	Reading.
Southampton	*v.*	Barnsley.
Swansea	*v.*	Hull.
Tottenham	*v.*	Bradford.
West Brom.	*v.*	Wolves

Division III. (Southern).

Bournemouth	*v.*	Northampton.
Brighton	*v.*	Bristol R.
Fulham	*v.*	Norwich
Luton	*v.*	Exeter.
Merthyr	*v.*	Coventry.
Newport	*v.*	Southend.
Plymouth	*v.*	Clapton O.
Queen's P.R.	*v.*	Crystal P.
Swindon	*v.*	Brentford.
Torquay	*v.*	Watford.
Walsall	*v.*	Gillingham.

Division III. (Northern).

Accrington	*v.*	Doncaster
Crewe	*v.*	Carlisle.
Darlington	*v.*	Hartlepools
New Brighton	*v.*	Barrow
Port Vale	*v.*	Halifax.
Rochdale	*v.*	Lincoln
Rotherham	*v.*	Tranmere.
Southport	*v.*	Nelson.
South Shields	*v.*	Chesterfield.
Stockport	*v.*	Wrexham
York City	*v.*	Wigan.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Celtic	*v.*	Morton.
Cowdenbeath	*v.*	Queen's Park.
Dundee U.	*v.*	Hamilton.
Falkirk	*v.*	Dundee.
Hibernians	*v.*	Rangers.
Kilmarnock	*v.*	Hearts.
Motherwell	*v.*	Aberdeen.
Partick	*v.*	Ayr United
St. Johnstone	*v.*	Airdrie.
St. Mirren	*v.*	Clyde.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Blackpool	*v.*	Middlesbro'
Bolton	*v.*	Huddersfield.
Manchester C.	*v.*	Wednesday.
Sheffield U.	*v.*	West Ham.
Sunderland	*v.*	Burnley

Division II.

Barnsley	*v.*	Chelsea.
Bury	*v.*	Blackpool.
Charlton	*v.*	Wolves.
Oldham	*v.*	West Brom.

Division III. (Northern).

Accrington	*v.*	Carlisle.
Chesterfield	*v.*	Rochdale.
Darlington	*v.*	South Shields.
Hartlepools	*v.*	Rotherham.
New Brighton	*v.*	York City.
Southport	*v.*	Barrow.
Stockport	*v.*	Lincoln.
Wigan	*v.*	Crewe.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Airdrie	*v.*	Falkirk.
Ayr United	*v.*	Queen's Park.
Celtic	*v.*	Rangers.
Cowdenbeath	*v.*	Dundee U.
Dundee	*v.*	Aberdeen.
Hearts	*v.*	Hibernians.
Motherwell	*v.*	Hamilton.
Partick	*v.*	Clyde.
St. Johnstone	*v.*	Morton.
St. Mirren	*v.*	Kilmarnock.

THURSDAY.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Aberdeen	*v.*	Hearts.
Clyde	*v.*	St. Johnstone.
Dundee U.	*v.*	Ayr United.
Falkirk	*v.*	Motherwell.
Hamilton	*v.*	Airdrie.
Hibernians	*v.*	Dundee.
Kilmarnock	*v.*	Cowdenbeath.
Morton	*v.*	St. Mirren.
Queen Park	*v.*	Celtic.
Rangers	*v.*	Partick.

CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP OF WORLD.

RETENTION BY DR. ALEKHINE.

Dr. A. Alekhine retains the Chess Championship of the World, his match with E. D. Bogoljubow having been finished at Wiesbaden last month, when the 25th game was drawn. This game was played again after having been adjourned.

Alekhine had slightly the best of the position when the game was adjourned, but Bogoljubow was able to equalize, and even turn the position slightly to his own advantage. This advantage, however, was not sufficient to win, and Alekhine was able to bring about the draw in 61 moves. Reuter's correspondent also sends a correction concerning the 24th game, which was a French Defence and not a Ruy Lopez, as at first stated.

The first arrangements for the match were that 30 games were to be played, Alekhine having won 11 games to the five of Bogoljubow, with nine games drawn. With only five games to be played out of the original 30, Bolojubow had no chance of even equalizing, and so one of the most curious matches in the history of world chess championships has come to an end.

That Alekhine would win was a foregone conclusion, judging by all one knew of the form of both players, but Bogoljubow has the satisfaction of knowing he has inflicted more defeats on Alekhine than the latter has ever suffered in any previous match. The games themselves have been a curious mixture of good and bad play, the latter predominating in the earlier stages of the match. Such games as the first and fourth contain examples of entire disregard of the accepted standards of good play, such as Bogoljubow's P-B 3 for his 10th move in the first game, a move which both would certainly unhesitatingly condemn if they were commenting on a similar position. In many other games, Bogoljubow's play has cut right across the usual dictum that a break open of the defence of the king's side should be avoided, and he lost more than one game by disregarding this dictum.

The later games were considerably better, but all through one has had the impression that Alekhine felt he could win the match whenever he liked, and that this knowledge had tempted him into playing more or less risky variations. It is just this characteristic of the games that rather spoils the match, from the chess point of view, as in not one instance has this departure from the recognized best lines of play in the openings adopted, been justified by its results.

FREAK BOXING IN AMERICA.

BETWEEN BASEBALLERS AND FOOTBALLERS.

Boston.—Arthur Shires, White Sox first baseman with boxing aspirations, will fight Al Spohrer, Braves catcher, in a six-round bout on January 17, it was announced here to-day.

The announcement followed word from Buffalo that Shires is to meet "Wild Bill" Bailey, a professional football player, in a 10-round bout there next Thursday.

Public interest in freak matches of this description has risen to a high point during the past few weeks and promoters are understood to be approaching a number of baseball players and other athletes with offers to engage in boxing contests.

The attitude of club owners has not become clear as yet but there are signs that they may prove hostile to this raiding of their players under contract for baseball only.

RUGBY ABOLISHED IN ITALY.

UNSUITED TO THE LATIN TEMPERAMENT.

After two seasons of Rugby football the president of the Italian Rugby Federation has asked Signor Turati whether the federation might be dissolved and the game discontinued in Italy.

It was Signor Turati himself who, as president of all the sports federations in Italy, introduced the game two years ago. A special coach was brought to Italy from Wales, and the first match between the Milan and Brescia teams in Rome roused a good deal of interest, mostly, however, on account of the rough play which seemed to be associated with the players' first ideas of the game. It seems that this persistent failing, described as "the non-sporting attitude of many of the players," has led the federation to ask for abolition.

The request has been granted, and the four existing teams in Milan, Brescia, Genoa, and Rome are to be dissolved. Doubtless all the energies of the Sports Federation will now be concentrated on the new national game of "volata," a cross between Rugby and Association football but a considerably simpler game than Rugby.

MEN'S DRESS REFORM.

THE "BYRON" COLLAR.

The Men's Dress Reform Party in London has issued the report of a committee which has considered designs for practical dress reform. The members of the committee do not put forward fixed and final views, and they submit that the dress reform movement should have as one of its aims the encouragement of a greater range of individual style than is possible with men's present sterotyped costumes.

The committee contend that the collar and tie combination is the most objectionable feature of present conventional dress, and recommend a collar leaving the neck more free. The so-called "Byron" collar, the report states, meets all needs of asthetics, convenience, and hygiene, and is proving more and more acceptable to many people. It is not suggested that the tie should be sacrificed altogether, and the committee say that a Byron collar is desirable, though the tie knot will be lower than at present. There is much to be said in favour, they add, of the blouse as an alternative to the shirt for many purposes. Dress reform should aim at making the shirt and blouse "respectable" as outer garments by making them sufficiently decorative for this purpose. The committee regard the coat as an outer wrap rather than as an integral part of a costume. Trousers are unsparingly condemned; the kilt is stated to be scarcely a practicable garment under modern industrial conditions, and shorts are described as "undoubtedly the only suitable nether-garments for active games like lawn tennis, for cycling and walking, and, indeed, for all forms of exercise." When worn for other than sporting purposes it is urged that shorts should be of the very best material and cut.

A paragraph on evening dress indicates as an ideal costume a fine white silk or satin blouse, black satin knee-breeches, and silk stockings. For the knee-breeches the bolder would substitute finest quality shorts. For an outer wrap a velvet or corduroy cloak, it is observed, would be very becoming.

Hats, the committee state, are not necessary in the English climate except for protection against rain or unusually strong sun. For foot wear, sandals or sandal-formed shoes are recommended.



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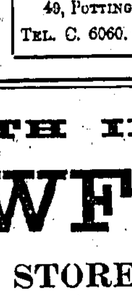
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TOBACCO FIELDS IN ENGLAND.

NEW INDUSTRY FOR CORNISH FARMERS.

A new prospect for Cornish farmers and horticulturists is opened up by the success attending experiments which are being made in tobacco-growing in the Duchy.

Tests have been carried out at the Cornwall County Council's experimental station at Gulval. The plants were stalked and debudded on orthodox lines, and some excellent leaves were produced, which, according to Mr. H. W. Abbiss, the county horticultural superintendent, were quite as fine as, or finer than, those produced in any other parts of England, or in the tobacco districts of France.

"Indications go to show," says Mr. Abbiss, "that Cornwall, provided sufficient curing arrangements can be made, has great possibilities for the growing of tobacco."

Mr. Charles Morris has for some years been growing tobacco experimentally at Devoran, not far away. "I have seen tobacco growing in New Zealand, Australia, China, and India," he says, "and it can be grown quite as easily in Cornwall. It will grow luxuriantly and with great success in southern aspects and with deep rich soil.

"The crop requires only ordinary gardener's care and attention. As soon as the flower comes it must be pinched off, and you have to keep debudding when the side shoots appear. This forces the plants. If you want really tip-top tobacco, ten leaves are enough on one stalk. The leaves grow to a height of about three feet.

Frost Danger.

"The only thing to look out for are the early frosts. I plant my seed early in February, and this year I harvested a crop early in August. The bulk of it is now thoroughly sun-dried and ready for curing. I have experimented with Kentucky, Golden Virgina, Maryland, Havana, and Pennsylvania varieties, and find that Golden Virgina is the best.

"I will back my Golden Virginia, sun-dried in the old-fashioned way, against any Virginia in the world, and I intend to continue growing this for my own consumption, but I shall keep experimenting with other kinds.

"I am convinced that tobacco can be grown in Cornwall at a cost of threepence a pound exclusive of labour, or eightpence or ninepence a pound—one shilling at the outside—taking the cost of labour into the calculation."

Some time ago a Cornishman living in Rhodesia suggested the starting of a tobacco-growing industry in his native county, being convinced that Cornwall was as favourable a place for it as Rhodesia. He offered to come home and give a year's instruction to farmers in the cultivation of the plant if they would guarantee him a certain sum, but his offer was not accepted.

"JIX" KEEPS HIS SECRETS.

WHAT HE KNOWS OF LONDON BELOW THE SURFACE.

Lord Brentford ("Jix") knows a lot about the life of London below the surface. But he is quite determined not to reveal his secrets.

He made this intriguing little confession last month.

"There are certain happenings in London which are used to break in New Home Secretaries. As soon as a new Home Secretary takes office he is initiated into certain things that are going on in London which hardly anybody knows of unless he lives the life of a West end *flaneur*. . . . One Home Secretary after another learns things that cannot be told to the public."

But he hastened to add that he did not think London was by any means the worst capital in the world.

This is what he told a reporter when it was suggested that his little revelation had raised the question "Should Home Secretaries tell?"

"No one who has not been Home Secretary can possibly know the ramifications of crime and vice which occur in London.

The Secret Service.

"Equally, no one who has not held the post can know the difficulties connected with what is generally called 'secret service'—I mean the perfectly legitimate efforts which the police are compelled to make against crime and against hidden efforts detrimental to this country which come from abroad.

"It all adds to the burden of the great office which I have, before now, described as the most interesting in the whole world.

"There are certain things which come in from the Continent which it is not in the public interest to reveal and which never could be made public.

"Every capital must necessarily be a centre of amusement—and it is true to say also that every capital is to some degree also a centre of vice. Actually I don't believe that London is as bad as some other places."

Then, speaking about the cleansing of the night-club life of London, Lord Brentford paid a high compliment to Lord Byng, as Commissioner of Police.

"I am quite satisfied that the Commissioner has done a great deal during his year of office and is doing a great deal to improve the conditions in London," he said. "I am sure that he is doing so without in any form injuring legitimate amusements."

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Departures.

The following passengers left here yesterday by the Bremerhaven, for Manila and Rabaul:—Mr. H. B. Brems, Mrs. R. A. V. Wilkins, Mr. Ying Hing, and Mr. Kong Sing.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM, NAVIGATION Co.'s STEAMER "MIRZAPORE."

ARRIVED HONG KONG ON 27TH DECEMBER, 1929.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed AT THEIR RISK in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo from London, &c., and from Persian Gulf ex H.I.S.N. and B. & P.S.N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary 6 hours before arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days including date of arrival will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage period.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 16th January, 1930, or they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co., Agents.

Hong Kong, 27th Dec., 1929. [8795

HAMBURG AMERIKA LINIE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Motor Vessel "ERMLAND"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Vessel's arrival.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 4th January, 1930, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 3rd January, 1930, at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

All Claims must reach us before the 14th January, 1930, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned,

JEBSEN & CO., Agents.

Hong Kong, 28th Dec., 1929. [8797

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD. AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Co.'s Vessel "BELLEROPHON" FROM UNITED KINGDOM VIA SINGAPORE

are hereby notified that their Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godown on and after 27th December.

Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given prior to Vessel's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 A.M. and Noon, within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Vessel's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 3rd January, 1930, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Vessel must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 17th January, 1930, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

26th Dec., 1929. [8791

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD. AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Co.'s Vessel "DEMODOCUS" FROM UNITED KINGDOM VIA SINGAPORE

are hereby notified that their Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godown on and after 27th December.

Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given prior to Vessel's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 A.M. and NOON within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Vessel's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd January, 1930, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Vessel must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 17th January, 1930, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

26th December, 1929. [8792

Money and Markets

HONG KONG SHARES.

BENJAMIN & POTTS' WEEKLY REPORT.

During the past week, the Settlement which passed off satisfactorily on the 23rd instant, and the Christmas holidays, have almost entirely monopolized attention, consequently very little business has resulted, but notwithstanding this there is a good enquiry for most stocks with few sellers in evidence, nearly all of which ended the week with an outburst of strength.

Banks.—Hong Kong and Shanghai Banks, owing to the further drop in Exchange, have recovered to a buying quotation of $1,330. The London rate is £122.10 (Middle).

Marine and Fire Insurances.—Unions have likewise advanced to $360. Cantons continue in request at $695. Hong Kong Fires have hardened and can be placed at $815.

Shipping.—Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have firmed up to $27½, at which rate deals were made. Shell Transports closed appreciably higher at 97/10. Other stocks in this section are nominal.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—China Providents were put through at the improved quotation of 85½. Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharves, after changing hands at $140 are now in request at $141. Whampoa Docks at $32½ have not moved. Shanghai Docks are wanted at Tls. 101. New Engineerings at Tls. 7½ are unchanged.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels after having receded to $111 are in strong demand and were booked up to $11.90. Humphreys Estates were dealt in to a fair extent at $14.60. Hong Kong Lands are higher with buyers at $64½. Realtys also stiffened and were negotiated up to $8.80.

Public Utilities.—Hong Kong Electrics have claimed upwards steadily and closed with buyers at $66½. Hong Kong Trams have recovered somewhat and are in demand at $18.70. China Lights have shewn renewed strength and realised $18½ at the close. Star Ferries have remained steady at $69½. Telephones were bid up to $8.30.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements were fairly active and rose to $14. Hong Kong Ropes have advanced to $7½. Lane Crawfords were bought at the improved price of $22½. Dairy Farms were bid up to $21.

Cotton Mills.—Ewos were booked at Tls. 15½ and continue in demand. Shanghai Cottons are enquired for at Tls. 75.

Forward Settlement Days.—January 24, February 20 and March 25, 1930.

RUBBER.

"A PERIOD OF STAGNATION."

Messrs. Pentreath & Co. have forwarded us the following letter, dated November 27, from Messrs. Hornby, Hemelryk & Co., Liverpool:—

The market appears to have entered a period of stagnation at current prices, business having contracted to very small dimensions.

The detailed report of the Rubber Growers' Association on the subject of Central Selling proved to be very moderate in character. A point in the report which stands out prominent is that 50 per cent. of the production is controlled by Asiatics, who, it is frankly admitted, would not be amenable to any scheme of Central Selling.

The report may therefore be considered as disappointing, particularly so as even if the scheme were acceptable to the general body of members of the Rubber Growers' Association, it would take a very considerable amount of time to put it into practice.

For all practical purposes, therefore, the Industry has now to work out its own salvation according to the law of supply and demand. This will probably be a long and difficult process in the course of which prices may go lower than they have been for years. It is even not impossible that values may reach lower levels than have yet been recorded, but this would be a passing phase, as we believe that *ultimately the demand for Rubber* will be sufficient to take care of the supply at reasonable prices.

Stocks: London 31,012 tons, Liverpool 17,479 tons; net increase of 880 tons.

Close London last night: Spot 8⅛d., Jan./March 8⅛d., April/June 8⅛d., July/Sept. 8⅛d., Oct./Dec. 9⅛d., Jan./Dec. 1931 9⅛d.

Our New York correspondents cabled last night that the trade is absorbing all offerings of December rubber. Our friends believe there is still a short interest, but few tender notices are being circulated.

Close New York last night:—January 16.60c., March 17.10c., May 17.60c., September 18.50c.

CANTON TRADE NOTES.

The price of fire-wood has dropped upon the arrival of some 170 junks loads from the East River districts.

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Much attention has been paid by the authorities in Chungshan to the encouragement of fishing. An extensive area along the sea-coast of Chungshan has been set apart for the production of oysters.

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The value of the Central Bank of China notes has risen to 87 per cent of their face value, and is still rising steadily. It is expected that the notes will be quoted at over 90 per cent. before the end of the year.

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The groundnut oil market has been active of late. There has been a brisk demand for that produced in Kwangtung as the price is lower than the oil from the northern provinces, the price being about $0.50 per picul.

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The woollen piece-goods market remains inactive and merchants allege that they are doing only forty to fifty per cent. of their normal business. The prices remain low and there are no signs of a trade revival in the near future.

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Since the resumption of the Canton-Hankow Railway passenger and cargo services, large consignments of native products have been arriving from the northern districts. The daily proceeds from the cargo trains have exceeded $10,000 since Saturday last.

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Preserved duck is the chief product of Nan-an district and large quantities are exported to Malaya and America for overseas Chinese. The production has greatly decreased this year owing to sickness among the ducks and the price is now $1.70 per catty.

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Foreign fruit, especially oranges and grapes from California, have been imported in such large quantities this year that the market for Chinese fruits has been greatly affected, despite the fact that there are abundant crops of fruit in Kwangtung this year.

COMPANY MEETING.

CHINESE ENGINEERING AND MINING CO., LTD.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., Ltd., was held in London on December 16, 1929, when the Directors' report and statement of accounts for the year ended June 30, 1929, was submitted.

Extract from Directors' Report.

The net result of the year's transaction shows a balance to the credit and profit and loss account of £447,438 made up as follows:—

Proportion of Kailan Mining Administration's profits plus interest in China	£352,193
Interest in Europe	32,917
Agency fees	6,000
Sundries	142
Balance brought forward (less sundry items)	309,556
	£700,808

Deduct:—

Expenses in Europe	£ 16,501	
Directors' fees and percentage	11,404	
Exchange	49	
Donation to miners relief fund	2,000	
Income-tax	83,416	
Interim dividend paid on May 8, 1929	140,000	
		253,370
Leaving a net balance of		£447,438

which the Directors recommend should be appropriated as follows:

Final dividend of 10 per cent. (free of income-tax)	£140,000
Balance carried forward	307,438
	£447,438

The Directors have decided to capitalise the major part of the undistributed profits and reserve and they propose, therefore, to carry to general reserve £280,000 from profit and loss account and £280,000 from the existing reserve account—altogether £560,000 and that this sum be capitalised by the distribution of 560,000 fully paid shares at the rate of two fully paid shares for every five shares held. The Board of Directors will be entitled, in respect of the profits so capitalised to £13,200 which will leave a balance of £27,438 at the credit of profit and loss account and £102,800 to be credit of the existing reserve account.

GOODS AS BACKING FOR CURRENCY.

ITS EFFECT ON COTTON TRADE.

Mr. S. S. Hammersley, M.P. for Stockport, addressed a meeting of the Manchester Athenæum Textile Society on "The Cotton Trade and Monetary Policy" last month.

Sir Ernest Thompson, who presided, said at the outset that the question of monetary policy in the cotton trade was a contentious question. He could not say that he agreed with everything he had heard Mr. Hammersley say, but he agreed that he had made a study of this matter and had mastered the subject.

Mr. Hammersley began his examination of the subject by considering the part played in our national life by gold (1) as a commodity, (2) as a means of international payments, and (3) as the basis of our system of credit. In regard to this third division he said it was obvious that the circumstances which caused gold to leave the country were those which would result in the restriction of credit to industries. We had to ask ourselves whether it was right or wrong that this should be so. Was there any necessary or desirable connection between the flow of credit and the quantity of gold in the Bank of England? During the last year the United States and France had each gained over £70,000,000 of gold. England, on the other hand, had lost about £34,000,000. Was there anything in the industrial history of these three countries which should make it easier for the industrialists in two of these countries to obtain credit, but harder for those who had to deal with the problem of finding work and wages in this country?

Why Gold Goes.

The circumstances which caused this country to lose gold were, first and most important, inability to sell sufficient quantities of goods abroad, and, secondly, over-lending. On this matter of inability to sell sufficient quantities of goods abroad, the question our industrialists had to ask themselves was this: When industry is suffering from an inability to produce at competitive prices, will a restriction of credit make it more able to compete or will it not? Perhaps the most pregnant industrial lesson of post-war years was the great saving in cost of production per unit which can be made by mass production. The way to reduce the cost of production per unit was to make more, said the industrialist. The mechanism of our monetary system was so arranged that when our costs of production were too high we were forced to make less. You had a direct contradiction of interest between finance and industry.

As for over-lending, again we had to ask ourselves: Is it right that over-lending to a foreign country should be able to dry up the flow of credit to struggling industries? The answer clearly was, that it was not right. In fact, we could say that if it were not for the fact that a currency based on gold had in practice been found the most effective safeguard against the over-issue of paper currency, there was no reason why the amount of gold in a country should form the exclusive basis of currency. But if we were not able to put a sufficiency of gold behind our currency, what could we put? In an industrial country like ours what could be better than our industrial production? To guard against over-issue—that is to say, inflation—it was necessary that the production on which the currency is based should be goods produced for sale. In the words of the economist, credit should originate in production and terminate in consumption.

A case could be made out to show that the currency, instead of being based on our gold reserves, should be based on our wealth products. It was necessary, however, that there should be some safeguard against the over-issue of currency, and this was to be found in making the wealth products which back the currency of a self-liquidating character, thus ensuring that the bills issued against them should be redeemed at their dates of maturity. This arrangement ensured an automatic adjustment of currency and credit, thus preventing what was known as inflation or reflation. In other words, what was aimed at was automatic stability. The gold reserves were necessary for purposes of international payments, but should not control the internal credit position. As far as our present monetary system affected the cotton trade it tended to slow down production and not to increase it. We required a monetary system which will help, not hinder, the very necessary progress of reorganisation and co-operation through which our staple Lancashire industry in the coming years must pass.

[Daily Share Quotations will be found on page 9 of this issue.]

TO-DAY'S WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

BROADCAST BY Z.B.W. ON 355 METRES.

11 to 11.30 a.m.—Commercial news.

12 noon to 1 p.m.—Demonstration programme.

1.48 p.m.—Weather report.

7.48 p.m.—Evening weather report.

9 p.m.—Programme of Victor and H.M.V. records supplied by Messrs. Moutrie:

Gems from "The Student Prince in Heidelberg," Chorus; "Student Morening Song," Tenor and Baritone; "Golden Days," Chorus; "Serenade," Soprano and Tenor; "Deep in My Heart," Chorus; "Drinking Song" (Dorothy Donnelly-Sigmund Romberg), Victor Light Opera Company.

Gems from "The Love Song," Chorus; "Yes or No," Baritone Solo; "Only a Dream," Tenor and Ladies Trio; "He Writes a Song," Contralto and Chorus; "Love Song (Remember Me)" (Smith-Kunneke-Offenbach), Victor Light Opera Company.

Dance music.

9.30 p.m.—"Geisha"—Selection (Jones) and "Belle of New York"—Selection (Kerker), Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

Dance music.

10 p.m.—News bulletin.

Dance music.

10.30 p.m.—Chinese programme.

11.30 p.m.—Close down.

SUNDAY.

10.55 a.m.—Morning Service relayed from the Union Church. Voluntary; Hymn, Jesus, Lover of my soul; Prayer; Lord's Prayer; Hymn, Fountain of good, to own Thy love; The Lesson; Children's Address; Children's Hymn from Greenland's icy mountains; Voluntary; Silent Prayer; Prayers; Hymn, Hark! the song of Jubilee; Address, Rev. F. C. Young; Hymn, The Church's one foundation; Benediction; National Anthem; Voluntary.

12.10 (Approx.) to 1 p.m.—Chinese programme.

1.48 p.m.—Weather report.

9 p.m.—Programme of Columbia records supplied by Messrs. Anderson.

"Zampa," Overture, Parts 1 and 2 (Herold), Sir Dan Godfrey.

"Toccata" (Gigout and Boellmann), Organ Solo by Edouard Commette.

"No, No, Nanette," Vocal Gems, Parts 1 and 2 (Harbach, Caesar, Sears and Youmans), Columbia Vocal Gem Chorus with Orch.

"Hungarian Dance in D Minor" (Brahms-Joachim) and "Cavatina" (Raff, Op. 85, No. 3), Violin Solo by Arthur Catterall with Piano.

"Faust—Soldiers' Chorus" and "Faust—La Kermesse" (Gounod), Chorus and Orchestra of the Theatre National De L'Opera, Paris.

"Dancer of Seville" (C. Grunow) and "The Two Imps" (K. J. Alford), Sir Dan Godfrey.

"The 'Ole in the Road," Parts 1 and 2 ("Seamark"), Humorous Sketch by George Graves (The Man in the Hole) and Myles Clifton (The Dude).

"Delius: Summer Night on the River," Parts 1 and 2, Sir Thomas Beecham and Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

"O Salutaris" (Webbe) and "Tantum Ergo" (Traditional), London Catholic Choir with Organ.

"Sonatina in D Major," Parts 1 and 2 (Schubert, Op. 137, No. 1), Albert Sammons (Violin) and William Murdoch (Pianoforte).

"Nights of Fragrance" and "Vienna Maidens," Waltz (Zickrer), New Concert Orchestra.

"Everybody's Medolies," Parts 1 and 2 (arr. J. H. Squire), J. H. Squire, Celeste Octet.

10.30 p.m.—Close down.

RUBBER AND MINING SHARES.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have been advised of the following dividends on Rubber and Mining shares:—

Malayan Collieries.—7½ per cent. int.

Pajams.—10 per cent. final.

Alor Gajah.—7½ per cent. final.

Malaka Pindas.—5 per cent.

Kundong Rubber.—5 per cent. final.

Sungei Ramal.—7½ per cent. int.

Tronoh Mines.—7½ per cent. final and 2½ per cent. bonus.

Idris Hydraulic.—5 per cent. int.

Tanjong Tin.—5 per cent. int.

Takuapa Valley Tin.—9d. per share.

Colchester.—Rifleman Arthur Vernon Lilley, 20, of the 2nd Battalion The Rifle Brigade, stationed at Colchester, was found dead in his bed with a bullet wound through the heart. He was due shortly to leave for India.



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TJILEBOET ...	AMOY	29th Dec.	31st Dec., Noon	MANILA, M'KSAR. & SOERABAIA
TJIKEMBANG	S'HAI. & AMOY	30th Dec.	1st Jan., Noon	BATAVIA
TJIKARANG ...	S'HAI. & AMOY	9th Jan.	11th Jan., Noon	BATAVIA
TJISALAK ..	AMOY	12th Jan.	14th Jan., Noon	MANILA, M'KSAR. & SOERABAIA
TJIBADAK ...	S'HAI. & AMOY	19th Jan.	21st Jan., Noon	MANILA, M'KSAR & SOERABAIA

NORTH BOUND.

STEAMERS	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE ON OR ABOUT	FOR
TJIKARANG ..	BATAVIA	28th Dec.	29th Dec.	AMOY & S'HAI.
TJISALAK ..	JAVA, MAKASSAR	3rd Jan.	6th Jan.	SWATOW & AMOY
TJIBADAK ...	BATAVIA	8th Jan.	9th Jan.	AMOY & S'HAI.
TJISAROEA ...	JAVA, MAKASSAR	18th Jan.	20th Jan.	SWATOW & AMOY
TJISONDARI .	BATAVIA	22nd Jan.	23rd Jan.	AMOY & S'HAI.

JAVA.

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ALEXANDRIA.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, Jan. 26.

AMOY.
Tjikarang, J.C.J.L., Dec. 28.
Anhui, B. & S., Dec. 29.
Luchow, B. & S., Dec. 29.
Takada, B.I., Dec. 30.
Haining, Douglas, Dec. 31.
Tean, B. & S., Jan. 1.
Kumsang, Jardine's, Jan. 2.
Haiyang, Douglas, Jan. 3.
Kanchow, B. & S., Jan. 5.
Anking, B. & S., Jan. 6.
Tjisalak, J.C.J.L., Jan. 6.
Shirala, B.I., Jan. 8.
Tjibadak, J.C.J.L., Jan. 9.
Talma, B.I., Jan. 12.
Hosang, Jardine's, Jan. 19.
Tjisorea, J.C.J.L., Jan. 20.

ANTWERP.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 28.
Khyber, P. & O., Dec. 29.
Danmark, Manners, Jan. 6.
Oldenburg, Jebsen, Jan. 10.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Panama, Manners, Jan. 23.
Ermland, Jebsen, Jan. 28.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.
St. Albans, E. & A., Jan. 3.
Taiping, B. & S., Jan. 14.
Aki Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 22.

BALTIC PORTS.
Danmark, Manners, Jan. 6.
Panama, Manners, Jan. 23.

BALTIMORE.
Larchbank, Bank, Jan. 5.
City of Kobe, Bank, Jan. 23.

BANGKOK.
Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 28.
Hellas, Thoresen, Dec. 29.
Kiangsu, B. & S., Dec. 29.
Kwangtung, B. & S., Jan. 1.
Helios, Thoresen, Jan. 5.
Kaying, B. & S., Jan. 5.

BELAWAN DELI.
Van Hentz, J.C.J.L., Jan. 2.
Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.

BOMBAY.
Tottori Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 27.
Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 28.
Rajputana, P. & O., Jan. 4.
Akita Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 31.
Awa Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.

BOSTON.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
Malayan Prince, Furness, Jan. 1.
Larchbank, Bank, Jan. 5.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Royal Prince, Furness, Jan. 16.
City of Kobe, Bank, Jan. 23.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, Jan. 26.

BREMEN.
Van Heutsz, J.C.J.L., Jan. 2.
Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.
Augsberg, Melchers, Jan. 20.
Panama, Manners, Jan. 23.

BRINDISI.
Viminale, Dodwell's, Jan. 2.
Hilda, Dodwell's, Jan. 25.

CALCUTTA.
Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 28.
Tilawa, B.I., Dec. 27.
Kutsang, Jardine's, Dec. 30.
Akita Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 31.
Talamba, B.I., Jan. 6.
Yuensang, Jardine's, Jan. 6.
Suisang, Jardine's, Jan. 17.
Takada, B.I., Jan. 19.

CEBU.
Illinois, S.S.S., Jan. 1.

CHEFOO.
Huichow, B. & S., Dec. 29.
Kueichow, B.& S., Jan. 9.

COLOMBO.
Khyber, P. & O., Dec. 28.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
Himalaya, Dodwell's, Dec. 28.
D'Artagnan, M.M., Dec. 31.
Rajputana, P. & O., Jan. 4.
Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.
Viminale, Dodwell's, Jan. 7.
City of Chester, Bank, Jan. 9.
Oldenburg, Jebsen, Jan. 9.
Durban Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 10.
Awa Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Lahore, P. & O., Jan. 11.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Angers, M.M., Jan. 14.
Khiva, P. & O., Jan. 18.
Augsberg, Melchers, Jan. 20.
Mirzapore, P. & O., Jan. 22.
Jeypore, P. & O., Jan. 25.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, Jan. 26.
Ermland, Jebsen, Jan. 28.

COPENHAGEN.
Danmark, Manners, Jan. 6.
Panama, Manners, Jan. 23.

DALNY.
Aller, Melches, Dec. 30.
Tean, B. & S., Jan. 1.
Hector, B.F., Jan. 10.
Coblenz, Melchers, Jan. 17.
Franken, Melchers, Jan. 25.

DUTCH PORTS.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 28.
Khyber, P. & O., Dec. 29.
Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.
Danmark, Manners, Jan. 6.
Diomed, B.F., Jan. 7.
City of Chester, Bank, Jan. 9.
Oldenburg, Jebsen, Jan. 9.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Lahore, P. & O., Jan. 11.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.
City of Mandalay, Bank, Jan. 17.
Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 12.
Augsberg, Melchers, Jan. 20.
Panama, Manners, Jan. 23.
Jeypore, P. & O., Jan. 25.
Ermland, Jebsen, Jan. 28.

FOOCHOW.
Haining, Douglas, Dec. 31.
Haiyang, Douglas, Jan. 3.
Chipshing, Jardine's, Jan. 12.
Cheongshing, Jardine's, Jan. 24.

GENOA.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
Oldenburg, Jebsen, Jan. 9.
Durban Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 10.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Antilochus, B.F., Jan. 20.
Augsberg, Melchers, Jan. 20.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, Jan. 26.
Ermland, Jebsen, Jan. 28.

GLASGOW.
Antilochus, B.F., Jan. 20.

GOTHENBURG.
Danmark, Manners, Jan. 3.
Panama, Manners, Jan. 23.

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.
Kwangtung, B. & S., Jan. 1.

HAMBURG.
Khyber, P. & O., Dec. 29.
Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.
Danmark, Manners, Jan. 6.
Diomed, B.F., Jan. 7.
City of Chester, Bank, Jan. 9.
Oldenburg, Jebsen, Jan. 9.
Lahore, P. & O., Jan. 11.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.
Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 12.
City of Mandalay, Bank, Jan. 17.
Augsberg, Melchers, Jan. 20.
Panama, Manners, Jan. 23.
Jeypore, P. & O., Jan. 25.
City of Kobe, Bank, Jan. 23.

HAVRE.
Antilochus, B.F., Jan. 20.

HONOLULU.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 5.
Tenyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 23.
Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 27.

ILOILO.
Illinois, S.S.S., Jan. 5.

JAPAN PORTS
Ermland, Jebsen, Dec. 28.
Mirzapore, P. & O., Dec. 28.
Bengal Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 29.
Aller, Melchers, Dec. 30.
Takada, B.I., Dec. 30.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Dec 31.
Talthybius, B.F., Dec. 31.
Sphinx, M.M., Jan. 1.
Tamba Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 1.
Kumsang, Jardine's, Jan. 2.
Glenshane, Jardine's, Jan. 3.
Mantua, P. & O., Jan. 3.
Philoctete, B.F., Jan. 5.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 5.
Remo, Dodwell's, Jan. 6.
Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 7.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Jan. 7.
Java, Manners, Jan. 9.
Glenamoy, Jardine's, Jan. 10.
Kidderpore, P. & O., Jan. 10.
Talma, B.I., Jan. 12.
Mishima Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., Jan 14.
Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., Jan. 15.
General Metzinger, M.M., Jan. 15.
Karmala, P. & O., Jan. 16.
Hosang, Jardine's, Jan. 19.
Glengarry, Jardine's, Jan. 20.
Duchessa d'aosta, Dodwell's, Jan. 21.
Pres. Taft, Dollar, Jan. 21.
Agra, Gilman's, Jan. 23.
Ixion, B.F., Jan. 23.
Tenyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 23.
Albert Voegler, Jebsen, Jan. 25.
Franken, Melchers, Jan. 25.
Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 27.
Iyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 28.
Pres. Mckinley, A.M.L., Jan. 28.

JAVA PORTS.
Tjileboet, J.C.J.L., Dec. 31.
Tjikembeng, J.C.J.L., Jan. 1.
Tjikarang, J.C.J.L., Jan. 11.
Tjisalak, J.C.J.L., Jan. 14.

LIVERPOOL.
Durban Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 10.
Antilochus, B.F., Jan. 20.

LONDON.
Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 28.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 28.
Khyber, P. & O., Dec. 29.
Rajputana, P. & O., Jan. 4.
Diomed, B.F., Jan. 7.
City of Chester, Bank, Jan. 9.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Lahore, P. & O., Jan. 11.
City of Mandalay, Bank, Jan. 17.
Antenor, B.F., Jan. 22.

LOS ANGELES.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Dec 31.
Golden Mountain, S.S.S., Jan. 11.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., Jan 14.
Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 27.
Pres. Mckinley, A.M.L., Jan. 28.

MANILA
Emp. of Canada C.P.S., Dec. 29.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Dec. 31.
Tjileboet, J.C.J.L., Dec. 31.
St. Albans, E. & A., Jan. 3.
Illinois, S.S.S., Jan. 5.
Oldenburg, Jebsen, Jan. 9.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., Jan. 13.
Pres. Taft, Dollar, Jan. 14.
Taiping, B. & S., Jan. 14.
Tjisalak, J.C.J.L., Jan. 14.
Aki Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 22.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, Jan. 26.
Ermland, Jebsen, Jan. 28.

MARSEILLES.
Khyber, P. & O., Dec. 28.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 28.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
D'Artagnan, M.M., Dec. 31.
Rajputana, P. & O., Jan. 4.
Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.
Diomed, B.F., Jan. 7.
Durban Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 10.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Lahore, P. & O., Jan. 11.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Angers, M.M., Jan. 14.
Khiva, P. & O., Jan. 18.
Augsberg, Melchers, Jan. 20.
Antenor, B.F., Jan. 22.
Panama, Manners, Jan. 23.
Jeypore, P. & O., Jan. 25.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, Jan. 26.

NAPLES.
Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 28.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 28.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, Jan. 26.

NEW YORK, BOSTON, etc.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
Malayan Prince, Furness, Jan. 1.
Larchbank, Bank, Jan. 5.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Royal Prince, Furness, Jan. 16.
City of Kobe, Bank, Jan. 23.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, Jan. 26.

NORTH CHINA.
Aller, Melchers, Dec. 30.
Burgenland, Jebsen, Jan. 9.
Java, Manners, Jan. 9.
Coblenz, Melchers, Jan. 17.
Franken, Melchers, Jan. 25.

OSLO.
Danmark, Manners, Jan. 6.
Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 12.
Panama, Manners, Jan. 23.

PANAMA
Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 27.

PENANG.
Khyber, P. & O., Dec. 28.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
Kutsang, Jardine's, Dec. 30.
Akita Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 31.
Van Heutsz, J.C.J.L., Jan. 2.
Rajputana, P. & O., Jan. 4.
Talamba, B.I., Jan. 6.
Yuensang, Jardine's, Jan. 6.
Awa Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Lahore, P. & O., Jan. 11.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Suisang, Jardine's, Jan. 17.
Khiva, P. & O., Jan. 18.
Takada, B.I., Jan. 19.
Augsberg, Melchers, Jan. 20.
Mirzapore, P. & O., Jan. 22.
Jeypore, P. & O., Jan. 25.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, Jan. 26.

PORTLAND.
Pennsylvania, S.S.S., Jan. 18.
Texas, S.S.S., Jan. 4.

RANGOON.
Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 28.
Akita Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 31.
Talamba, B.I., Jan. 6.

SAIGON.
Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 28.
D'Artagnan, M.M., Dec. 31.
Angers, M.M., Jan. 14.

SANDAKAN.
Mausang, Jardine's, Dec. 30.
St. Albans, E. & A., Jan. 3.
Hinsang, Jardine's, Jan. 6.

SAN FRANCISCO.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Dec 31.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 5.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., Jan 14.
Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Pennsylvania, S.S.S., Jan. 18.
Tenyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 23.
Pres. Mckinley, A.M.L., Jan. 28.

SCANDINAVIAN PORTS.
Danmark, Manners, Jan. 6.
Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 12.
Panama, Manners, Jan. 23.

SEATTLE.
Talthybius, B.F., Dec. 31.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Jan. 7.
Mishima Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Pres. Taft, Dollar, Jan. 21.
Ixion, B.F., Jan. 23.
Iyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 28.

SHANGHAI.
Ermland, Jebsen, Dec. 28.
Mirzapore, P. & O., Dec. 28.
Tjikarang, J.C.J.L., Dec. 28.
Bengal Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 29.
Hangsang, Jardine's, Dec. 29.
Luchow, B. & S., Dec. 29.
Sinkiang, B. & S., Dec. 29.
Aller, Melches, Dec. 30.
Chaksang, Jardine's, Dec. 30.
Takada, B.I., Dec. 30.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Dec 31.
Sphinx, M.M., Jan. 1.
Tamba Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 1.
Tean, B. & S., Jan. 1.
Yatshing, Jardine's, Jan. 1.
Glenshane, Jardine's, Jan. 3.
Linan, B. & S., Jan. 3.
Mantua, P. & O., Jan. 3.
Kanchow, B. & S., Jan. 5.
Kwongsang, Jardine's, Jan. 5.
Philoctete, B.F., Jan. 5.
Szechuen, B. & S., Jan. 5.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 5.
Remo, Dodwell's, Jan. 6.
Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 7.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Jan. 7.
Java, Manners, Jan. 9.
Burgenland, Jebsen, Jan. 9.
Tjibadak, J.C.J.L., Jan. 9.
Glenamoy, Jardine's, Jan. 10.
Hector, B.F., Jan. 10.
Kidderpore, P. & O., Jan. 10.
Khiva, P. & O., Dec. 24.
Mishima Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., Jan 14.
Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Bonneville, Thoresen's, Jan. 15.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., Jan. 15.
General Metzinger, M.M., Jan. 15.
Coblenz, Melchers, Jan. 17.
Karmala, P. & O., Jan. 18.
Shirala, B.I., Jan. 16.
Hosang, Jardine's, Jan. 19.
Glengarry, Jardine's, Jan. 20.
Duchessa d'aosta, Dodwell's, Jan. 21.
Pres. Taft, Dollar, Jan. 21.
Agra, Gilman's, Jan. 23.
Tenyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 23.
Albert Voegler, Jebsen, Jan. 25.
Franken, Melchers, Jan. 25.
Iyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 28.
Pres. Mckinley, A.M.L., Jan. 28.

SINGAPORE.
Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 28.
Anhui, B. & S., Dec. 29.
Khyber, P. & O., Dec. 29.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
Kutsang, Jardine's, Dec. 30.
Akita Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 31.
D'Artagnan, M.M., Dec. 31.
Kwangtung, B. & S., Jan. 1.
Kamakura Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 2.
Van Heutsz, J.C.J.L., Jan. 2.
Rajputana, P. & O., Jan. 4.
Danmark, Manners, Jan. 5.
Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.
Anking, B. & S., Jan. 6.
Talamba, B.I., Jan. 6.
Yuensang, Jardine's, Jan. 6.
Viminale, Dodwell's, Jan. 7.
Oldenburg, Jebsen, Jan. 9.
Durban Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 10.
Awa maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Lahore, P. & O., Jan. 11.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Angers, M.M., Jan. 14.
Suisang, Jardine's, Jan. 17.
Khiva, P. & O., Jan. 18.
Takada, B.I., Jan. 19.
Augsberg, Melchers, Jan. 20.
Antenor, B.F., Jan. 22.
Panama, Manners, Jan. 23.
Jeypore, P. & O., Jan. 25.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, Jan. 26.
Ermland, Jebsen, Jan. 28.

SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.
Kamakura Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 2.

SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.
Kamakura Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 2.
Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 27.

SWATOW.
Anhui, B. & S., Dec. 29.
Hangsang, Jardine's, Dec. 29.
Hellas, Thoresen, Dec. 29.
Huichow, B. & S., Dec. 29.
Kiangsu, B. & S., Dec. 29.
Sinkiang, B. & S., Dec. 29.
Chaksang, Jardine's, Dec. 30.
Haining, Douglas, Dec. 31.
Haiyang, Douglas, Jan. 3.
Kaying, B. & S., Jan. 5.
Kwongsang, Jardine's, Jan. 5.
Szechuen, B. & S., Jan. 5.
Anking, B. & S., Jan. 6.
Tjisalak, J.C.J.L., Jan. 6.
Tjisorea, J.C.J.L., Jan. 20.

TIENTSIN.
Huichow, B. & S., Dec. 29.
Kueichow, B.& S., Jan. 9.
Chipshing, Jardine's, Jan. 12.
Cheongshing, Jardine's, Jan. 24.
Franken, Melchers, Jan. 25.

TRIESTE AND VENICE.
Viminale, Dodwell's, Jan. 2.
Hilda, Dodwell's, Jan. 25.

TSINGTAO.
Hangsang, Jardine's, Dec. 29.
Sinkiang, B. & S., Dec. 29.
Chaksang, Jardine's, Dec. 30.
Yatshing, Jardine's, Jan. 1.
Kwongsang, Jardine's, Jan. 5.
Szechuen, B. & S., Jan. 5.

VANCOUVER, B.C.
Talthybius, B.F., Dec. 31.
Texas, S.S.S., Jan. 4.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., Jan. 15.
Ixion, B.F., Jan. 23.

VICTORIA, B.C.
Talthybius, B.F., Dec. 31.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Jan. 7.
Mishima Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., Jan. 15.
Pres. Taft, Dollar, Jan. 21.
Ixion, B.F., Jan. 23.
Iyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 28.

VLADIVOSTOCK.
Glenshane, Jardine's, Jan. 3.
Glenamoy, Jardine's, Jan. 10.
Glengarry, Jardine's, Jan. 20.
Agra, Gilman's, Jan. 23.

WEIHAIWEI.
Huichow, B. & S., Dec. 29.
Kueichow, B.& S., Jan. 9.
Chipshing, Jardine's, Jan. 12.
Cheongshing, Jardine's, Jan. 24.

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EXPECTED ARRIVALS AND MOVEMENTS.

Agra due from Europe Jan. 23.
Aki Maru due from Japan Jan. 21.
Akita Maru due from Japan Dec. 28.
Albert Voegler due from Europe Jan. 25.
Aller due from Europe Dec. 30.
Altai Maru due from Japan Jan. 8.
Angers due from Shanghai Jan. 13.
Antenor due from Shanghai Jan. 22.
Augsberg due from Shanghai Jan. 19.
Awa Maru due from Japan Jan. 10.
Bellerophon arrived from Europe Dec. 26.
Benares due from Europe Feb. 7.
Bengal Maru arrived from Japan Dec. 27.
Bokuyo Maru due from Singapore Jan. 26.
Bronxville due from Europe Jan. 19.
Burgenland due from Europe Jan. 9.
Calulu due from Australia Jan. 10.
City of Hereford due from Europe Jan. 15.
City of Kobe due from Europe Jan. 22.
City of Mandalay due from New York Jan. 16.
City of Salisbury due from New York Jan. 29.
Coblenz due from Europe Jan. 17.
D'Artagnan due from Shanghai Dec. 30.
Danmark due from Shanghai Jan. 4.
Demodocus due from Europe Jan. 26.
Diomed due from Shanghai Jan. 7.
Dolius due from Europe Jan. 3.
Duchessa d'Aosta due from Europe Jan. 20.
Durban Maru due from Singapore Jan. 10.
Empress of Asia due Vancouver Jan. 4.
Emp. of Canada due from Shanghai Dec. 29.
Emp. of Russia due from Vancouver Jan. 12.
Ermland due from Singapore Dec. 28.
Franken due from Europe Jan. 25.
Esquilino due from Europe Jan. 20.
Fushimi Maru due from Singapore Jan. 10.
General Metzinger due from Europe Jan. 14.
Genoa Maru due from Singapore Jan. 8.
Glenamoy due from Europe Jan. 9.
Glenapp due from Europe Jan. 30.
Glengary due from Europe Jan. 16.
Glenshane due from Europe Dec. 30.
Hector due from Europe Jan. 10.
Hillda due from Shanghai Jan. 24.
Isar due from Shanghai Jan. 4.
Ixion due from Europe Jan. 7.
Iyo Maru due from Japan Jan. 20.
Java due from Europe Jan. 9.
Javanese Prince arrived New York Dec. 25.
Jeypore due from Japan Jan. 25.
Kamakura Maru due from Japan Jan. 2.
Karmala due from Europe Jan. 17.
Khiva due from Japan Jan. 17.
Khyber due from Japan Dec. 28.
Kidderpore due from Europe Jan. 9.
Kitano Maru due from Singapore Jan. 6.
Koenigsberg arrived from Shanghai Dec. 27.
Korea Maru due from Europe Jan. 13.
Kumsang due from Europe Dec. 31.
Lahore due from Shanghai Jan. 10.
Laomedon due from Europe Jan. 25.
Macedonia due from Europe Jan 30.
Mantua due from Europe Jan. 2.
Mentor due from Europe Jan. 21.
Mirzapore arrived from Singapore Dec. 27.
Mishima Maru due from Shanghai Dec. 30.
Nagano Maru due from Singapore Jan. 5.
Nellore due from Australia Jan. 6.
Oldenburg due from Shanghai Jan. 10.
Oostkerk due from Shanghai Dec. 28.
Panama due from Shanghai Jan. 22.
Philoctete due from Europe Jan. 5.
Pres. Adams due from Shanghai Jan. 25.
Pres. Garfield due from Shanghai Dec. 28.
Pres. Jackson due from Shanghai Jan. 3.
Pres. Madison due from Manila Dec. 29.
Pres. Mckinley due from Shanghai Jan. 17.
Pres. Pierce due from Shanghai Dec. 30.
Pres. Polk due from Shanghai Jan. 11.
Pres. Taft due from Shanghai Jan. 13.
Rajputana due from Shanghai Jan. 3.
Remo due from Penang Jan. 2.
Saarbruecken due from Shanghai Jan. 10.
Shirala due from Singapore Jan. 17.
Sphinx due from Europe Jan. 1.
Springbank due from New York Jan. 1.
St. Albans due from Japan Jan. 2.
Suwa Maru arrived from Shanghai Dec. 27.
Taiping due from Australia Jan. 7.
Takada due from Singapore Dec. 28.
Takliwa due from Singapore Jan. 20.
Talamba due from Japan Jan. 3.
Talma due from Singapore Jan. 7.
Tamba Maru due from Singapore Dec. 31.
Tatsuno Maru due from Europe Jan. 13.
Tenyo Maru due from Shanghai Dec. 31.
Tilawa due from Singapore Feb. 10.
Tjibadak due from Java Jan. 8.
Tjikarang due from Java Dec. 29.
Tjikembang due from Amoy Dec. 30.
Tjileboet due from Amoy Dec. 29.
Tjisalak due from Java Jan. 3.
Tottori Maru due from Japan Dec. 27.
Viminale due from Shanghai Jan. 6.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships were in port yesterday:—
Basin.—Tamar, Sterling, Petersfield, Marazion, Tarantula.
North Arm.—Magnolia.
West Wall.—Kent.
In Dock.—Cornflower, Seraph.
No. 4 buoy.—Herald.
No. 5 buoy.—Hermes.
No. 6 buoy.—Cornwall.
No. 7 buoy.—Iroquois.
No. 11 buoy.—Thracian.
No. 12 buoy.—Somme.
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M.V. "VOTGLAND"	... due here on or about the 8th Feb.
M.V. "RAMSES"	... due here on or about the 16th Feb.
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Swatow & Bangkok	"KIANGSU"	On 29th Dec.,	11 a.m.
Hoihow, S'pore. & Bangkok	"KWANGTUNG"	On 1st Jan.,	11 a.m.
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Shanghai	"LINAN"	On 3rd Jan.,	5 p.m.
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Amoy & Shanghai	"KANCHOW"	On 5th Jan.,	10 a.m.
Swatow & Bangkok	"KAYING"	On 5th Jan.,	11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy, Swatow & S'pore.	"ANKING"	On 6th Jan.,	5 p.m
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Wladivostock	12	30.25	768.2	29	...	ENE	2	o	6	30.32	770.1	18	...	NNW	2	b
Nemuro	11	30.16	766.0	...	...	W	1	...	5	29.67	753.5	...	...	NW	3	...
Hokodate	"	30.18	766.5	...	...	SW	1	...	"	29.78	756.5	...	...	W	4	...
Tokio	"	30.35	771.0	...	...	ENE	1	...	"	30.10	764.5	...	...	...	0	...
Kochi	"	30.37	771.5	...	...	...	0	...	"	30.20	767.0	...	...	WSW	1	...
Nagasaki	"	30.28	769.0	...	...	E	1	...	"	30.08	764.0	...	...	SE	3	...
Kagoshima	"	30.31	770.0	...	...	WSW	1	...	"	30.12	765.0	...	...	...	...	...
Oshima	"	30.29	767.5	...	...	SE	1	...	"	30.12	765.0	...	...	S	1	...
Naha	"	30.16	766.0	...	..	ESE	2	...	"	30.10	764.5	...	...	ESE	1	...
Ishigakijima	"	30.12	765.0	...	...	ESE	3	...	"	30.04	763.0	...	...	NE	1	...
Bonin Island	"	30.28	769.0	...	...	NE	1	...	"	30.22	767.5	...	...	E	1	...
Chefoo	15	30.18	766.5	38	91	N	2	b	6	30.42	772.6	30	88	N	6	b
Shanghai	14	30.12	765.0	48	95	NNW	1	e	"	30.15	765.9	45	97	N	1	r
Gutzlaff	"	30.14	765.5	48	100	NNW	1	rf	"	30.18	766.6	44	100	NNE	4	bf
Sharp Peak	"	29.83	757.7	76	64	W	1	b	7	29.89	759.2	60	93	N	1	of
Amoy	"	29.99	761.7	69	65	WSW	2	b	6	30.02	762.5	60	94	SE	2	b
Swatow	"	29.99	761.7	64	84	E	1	c	"	...	...	..	...	...	0	bf
Taihoku	11	30.25	768.3	70	69	E	2	o	3	30.04	762.9	54	97	...	0	bf
Taichu	"	30.18	765.3	86	...	NNW	2	b	"	30.05	763.2	54	...	...	0	b
Tainan	"	30.08	764.1	72	...	NE	4	b	"	29.99	761.7	57	...	NNE	2	b
Koshun	"	30.05	763.2	75	...	NNE	2	o	"	29.92	759.9	73	...	NE	2	b
Pescadores	"	30.08	764.1	78	...	NE	4	b	"	30.00	762.0	64	...	NNE	2	b
Hong Kong	14	29.97	761.2	69	68	ESE	3	c	6	29.95	760.7	67	77	E	3	o
Gap Rock	"	29.98	761.5	...	...	ENE	4	o	"	29.95	760.7	...	...	ENE	4	o
Macao	"	29.95	760.8	72	70	SE	2	o	"	29.92	759.9	64	90	ESE	2	of
Hoihow	"	29.90	759.4	73	91	ENE	2	o	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pratas Island	"	29.93	760.2	72	73	NE	5	o	"	29.93	760.2	72	78	E	4	c
Phulien	15	29.88	759.0	72	75	SSE	2	o	7	29.92	759.9	64	94	ESE	4	o
Tourane	"	29.91	759.6	73	...	E	1	o	"	29.91	759.7	70	...	S	2	o
Cape St. James	"	29.84	757.8	79	...	SW	2	of	"	29.87	758.7	72	...	WNW	2	o
Basco	14	29.89	759.3	77	61	ESE	4	o	6	29.92	759.9	75	83	NE	2	o
Aparri	"	29.87	758.7	79	73	ENE	4	o	"	29.86	758.4	75	91	ENE	4	r
Tuguegarao	"	29.84	757.8	82	70	N	1	o	"	29.85	758.1	72	98	...	0	r
Vigan	"	29.73	755.1	86	52	NW	4	b	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manila	"	29.76	756.0	79	89	...	0	o	"	29.80	756.9	72	96	NE	1	o
Legaspi	"	29.71	754.5	81	90	NE	4	o	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Calboyog	"	29.72	754.8	79	89	...	0	o	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tacloban	"	29.72	754.8	77	92	S	2	r	"	29.78	756.3	73	96	W	2	o
Iloilo	"	29.66	753.3	82	81	NE	6	o	"	29.75	755.7	75	91	NNE	4	e
Cebu	"	29.69	754.2	81	80	NE	2	o	"	29.75	755.7	75	71	N	4	b
Surigao	"	29.68	753.9	79	90	E	2	o	"	29.74	755.4	72	98	...	0	o
Saipan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	29.83	757.7	76	...	ENE	4	bc
Guam	12.22	29.74	755.4	...	...	NE	4	o	4.22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Yap	11.00	29.73	755.1	...	...	E	4	o	5	29.76	756.0	...	...	NE	4	o
Pelew	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"	29.78	756.3	75	...	SE	1	bc
Ponape	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"	29.77	756.1	75	...	ESE	1	bc
Labuan	14	29.82	757.4	84	68	NE	6	b	6	29.85	758.2	80	82	NE	6	b

December 27*d.* 11*h.* 03*m.*—An anticyclone has formed over S.E. Mongolia.
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FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON DECEMBER 28.

District.	Forecast.
1.—Formosa Channel 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamocks 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan	N.E. winds, moderate; fair.

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HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, December 27.

	Previous Day at 4 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	29.95	30.03	29.93
Temperature	67	70	72
Humidity	73	72	61
Wind—			
Direction	E	E	E
Force	3	2	3
Weather	O	O	C
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 26·70
Lowest open-air Temperature, 27·66

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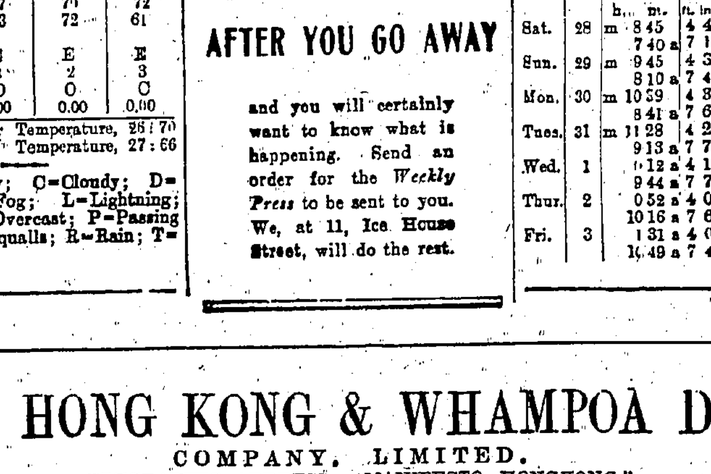
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Days of Week.	Date of Month.	High Water: Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.	Low Water: Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Sat.	28	m 8 45	4 4	m 2 29	1 9
		7 40 a	7 1	1 4 a	3 4
Sun.	29	m 9 45	4 3	m 3 10	1 5
		8 10 a	7 4	1 36 a	3 5
Mon.	30	m 10 39	4 3	m 3 48	1 1
		8 41 a	7 6	2 8 a	3 6
Tues.	31	m 11 28	4 2	m 4 25	0 9
		9 13 a	7 7	2 42 a	3 6
Wed.	1	0 12 a	4 1	m 5 1	0 8
		9 44 a	7 7	3 13 a	3 7
Thur.	2	0 52 a	4 0	m 5 37	0 8
		10 16 a	7 6	3 41 a	3 8
Fri.	3	1 31 a	4 0	m 6 14	0 9
		10 49 a	7 4	4 6 a	3 8

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OSAKA via AMOY, MOJI & KOBE	"KUMSANG"	Thurs., 2nd Jan., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOY, S'HAI, MOJI & KOBE	"HOSANG"	Sun., 19th Jan., at 7 a.m.
	"NAMSANG"	Fri., 31st Jan., at 7 a.m.
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	"YUENSANG"	Mon., 6th Jan., at 3 p.m.
	"SUISANG"	Fri., 17th Jan., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Mon., 30th Dec., at 3 p.m.
	"HINSANG"	Mon., 6th Jan., at Noon
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EMPRESS OF ASIA	Aug. 20	Aug. 23	Aug. 26	Aug. 28	Sept. 6
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Sept. 4	Sept. 7	Sept. 9	Sept. 11	Sept. 19
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Sept. 17	Sept. 20	Sept. 23	Sept. 25	Oct. 4
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Daily Statement, Waterfront News, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 16,300 TONS; THROUGH CARGO 19,600 TONS.

Cargo returns shown at the Harbour Office during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday by vessels arriving in Hong Kong were as follow:—

	Cargo for H.K.	Through Ports.
British		
Bellerophon, Liverpool	1,100	6,750
Luchow, Shanghai	80	1,590
	1,180	8,340
French		
Limchow, Haiphong	2,500	800
	2,500	800
Japanese		
Tottori Maru, Nagoya	1,140	5,840
Suwa Maru, Yokohama	—	4,700
Yeijun Maru, Dairen	9,900	—
	11,040	—
Chinese		
Shun Chih, Saigon	1,600	—
	1,600	—
Total	16,320	19,680

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	2	5
French	1	1
German	1	0
Japanese	3	3
Chinese	2	1
Norwegian	0	1
Italian	0	1
Total	9	12

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:—

Bellerophon (Br.) Liverpool and Singapore	30
Luchow (Br.) Shanghai and Amoy	47
Limchow (Fr.) Haiphong and Hoihow	51
Shun Chih (Chi.) Saigon	198
Total	326

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following ships were in harbour yesterday:—

Wharves.—Kowloon: Tottori Maru, Stella Polaris, Mirzapore; Holt's: Bellerophon; Socony—Laichikok: Altair; Douglas Lapraik: Haiching.

Docks.—Kowloon: Hinsang, Argonauta, Venezia, Hangsang; Taikoo: Szechuen, Sinkiang, Kiangsu, Taiyo Maru, Oil Reliance; Cosmopolitan: Haihing.

Buoys.—A1 Tilawa, A2 Suwa Maru, A3 Tjikarang, A4 Koenigsberg, A5 Bengal Maru, A6 Oostkerk, B7 Kutsang, B11 Anhui, B12 Luchow, C15 Yeijun Maru, B21 Ribera, A25 Daishun Maru, A27 Lycemoon, C35 Chung Kang, B36 Anzan Maru, B38 Helikon, C40 Havdrot, C41 Hellas, C42 Shun Chih, C43 Limchow, C44 Wong Shek Kung, B50 Gerania, A52 City of Durban.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

MARINE COURT CASES.

A boarding house runner was fined $30 (or in default 5 months hard labour) by Mr. T. W. H. Hosegood at the Marine Court yesterday, for stealing $110 on board the s.s. Van Heutsz. The defendant when searched by the Water Police was found in possession of the money, and admitted that he had stolen it.

Mooring in Causeway Bay Refuge.

Two junk masters were each fined $3 by Mr. T. W. H. Hosegood for mooring in Causeway Bay Refuge without a permit from the Harbour Master.

Rough Weather.

Masters of ships arriving here yesterday and on December 26 give reports of encountering rough weather. Capt. A. S. Blues, of the Bellerophon, from Singapore, reports:—"Strong N.E. Monsoon, with heavy seas." Capt. Axford, of the Mirzapore, from Bombay, states:—"Light Monsoon to 10°N. Thence to Hong Kong strong monsoon and rough sea." Capt. N. Egawa, of the Tottori Maru, from Singapore, states: "The ship experienced strong wind and rough sea between Shanghai and Hong Kong."

Cargo of Coal.

Arriving from Calcutta, the s.s. Gerania (Italian) brought a cargo of 6,515 tons of coal for Hong Kong and Whampoa. The vessel was chartered by Messrs. Patell and Chadiali who are sold agents for the Calcutta Guzdar Kajora Coal Mines.

Passenger Traffic Figures.

The following passenger traffic figures for the week ending December 21 have been issued by the Harbour Office:—

	Arr.	Dep.
Ocean going	12,202	9,937
River steamers	26,065	30,782
Junks, etc.	530	751
Total	38,797	41,470

THE COASTAL SERVICE.

CHANGES AND APPOINTMENTS.

Captain J. Taylor, of the "Ningpo," is on reserve.

Captain R. Allinson, of the "Wanhsien," has gone master, "Ningpo."

Mr. J. G. R. Gow, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Changchow."

Mr. A. S. Lewis, second officer, "Changchow," has gone second officer, "Chunking."

Mr. M. Defty, second officer "Chungking," is on reserve.

Mr. J. M. Hall, chief officer, "Kanchow," is on reserve.

Mr. W. Dickinson, chief officer, "Wanhsien," has gone chief officer, "Kanchow."

Mr. J. H. McLaren, extra chief officer, "Tean," is on reserve.

Mr. F. S. Barron, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Sunning."

Mr. F. Jenkins, second officer, "Sunning," is on reserve.

Captain D. Lupton, of the "Fatshan," has gone master "Kwangchow."

Captain R. Mitchell, from reserve, has gone master, "Fatshan."

Mr. W. Curran, second engineer officer, "Ningpo," is on reserve.

Mr. D. G. Evans, second engineer officer, "Liangchow," has gone second engineer officer, "Ningpo."

Mr. J. D. Craig, from reserve, has gone second engineer officer, "Liangchow."

Mr. R. Cook, from reserve, has gone third engineer officer, "Chungking."

Mr. R. Trathen, second engineer officer, "Changchow," has gone second engineer officer, "Wanhsien."

Mr. J. B. Keay, second engineer officer, "Chusan," has gone second engineer officer, "Changchow."

Mr. H. Jackson, from reserve, has gone second engineer officer, "Chusan."

Mr. D. I. Greer, third engineer "Poyang," has gone second engineer officer, "Wanhsien."

Mr. E Whelan, third engineer officer, "Wuchang," is on reserve.

Mr. C. A. N. Baker, second officer, "Kiawo," has gone second officer, "Siangwo."

Mr. R. J. T. Hopking, from reserve, has gone extra chief officer, "Tingsang."

(Continued on next Column.)

ARRIVALS.

December 25.

Utrecht, Dutch str., 709 tons, Capt. F. H. Wildschut, from Foochow, Tai Kok Tsui Anchorage.—A.P.C.

December 26.

Bellerophon, British str., 9,013 tons, Capt. A. S. Blues, from Singapore, Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.

Gerania, Italian str., 3,083 tons, Capt. M. Ivanissevich, from Calcutta, buoy No. B50.—Thoresen & Co.

Lim Chow, French str., 1,591 tons, Capt. P. B. Morganti, from Hoihow, buoy No. C45.—Sing Kee & Co.

Luchow, British str., 1,221 tons, Capt. W. Layton, from Amoy, buoy No. B12.—B. & S.

December 27.

Altair, American str., 4,318 tons, Capt. A. H. Peterson, from Manila, Lai Chi Kok Anchorage.—Standard Oil Co.

City of Durham, British str., 3,460 tons, Capt. H. Jenkins, from Singapore, buoy No. A52.—Bank Line.

Independence, American str., 4,753 tons, Capt. B. J. Cheshire, from Swatow, Lai Chi Kok Anchorage.—L. Everett Inc.

Manly, Norwegian str., 657 tons, Capt. Hovland, from Bangkok, buoy No. C45.—K. Larsen & Co.

Mirzapore, British str., 4,135 tons, Capt. R. G. Axford, from Bombay, Kowloon Wharf.—P. & O.

Shun Chih, Chinese str., 1,251 tons, Capt. H. A. Johnsen, from Saigon, buoy No. C42.—Chan Tong Ha.

Suwa Maru, Japanese str., 6,637 tons, Capt. M. Gotoh, from Shanghai, buoy No. A2.—N.Y.K.

Szechuen, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. J. R. Shearer, from Canton, Taikoo Dock.—B. & S.

Tottori Maru, Japanese str., 5,973 tons, Capt. N. Egawa, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Yeijun Maru, Japanese str., 1,254 tons, Capt. R. Taketomi, from Weihaiwei, buoy No. C15.—M.B.K.

CLEARANCES

December 27.

Altair, for Swatow.
Anzan Maru, for Dairen.
Bellerophon, for Shanghai.
Bremerhaven, for Manila.
City of Durham, for Takao.
Havdrot, for Haiphong.
Luchow, for Canton.
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†"KHYBER"	9,114	29th Dec., Noon 1930	Mars., L'don., Hull, H'bg., B'dm. & [A'werp.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	4th Jan.	B'bay., Mars., & L'don.
*"LAHORE"	8,304	11th Jan.	[Mars., L'don, Hull, H'bg., B'dm. & A'werp.
"KHIVA"	9,135	18th Jan.	Mars., London, B'dm. & A'werp.
*"MIRZAPORE"	6,715	22nd Jan.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
*"JEYPORE"	5,318	25th Jan.	[Mars., L'don, Hull, H'bg., B'dm. & A'werp;
"MANTUA"	10,946	1st Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KARMALA"	9,128	15th Feb.	Mars., L'don, Hull, B'dm. & A'werp.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	19th Feb.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	1st Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	8th Mar.	[Mars., L'don., Hull, H'bg., B'dm. & A'werp
"KALYAN"	9,144	15th Mar.	Mars., L'don, Hull, B'dm. & A'werp.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	29th Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"MALWA"	10,980	12th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	26th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	10th May	Mars., L'don, B'dm. & A'werp.
"MANTUA"	10,946	24th May	Bombay, Mars. & London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	31st May	[Mars., L'don., Hull, H'bg., B'dm. & A'werp.
"KHIVA"	9,135	7th June	Marseilles & London.
"RANPURA"	16,601	21st June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"KARMALA"	9,128	5th July	Marseilles and London.
"MOREA"	10,954	19th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.

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"TALMA"	10,000	28th Jan.	do.
"SHIRALA"	7,841	8th Feb.	do.
"TAKLIWA"	7,936	18th Feb.	do.
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"TAKADA"	6,949	30th Dec., 6 a.m. 1930	Amoy, S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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Shanghai	*Oostkerk* ...	28th Dec.
Shanghai	*Khyber* ...	29th Dec.
Europe via Negapatam (Letters only) London, 28th November)	*Takada*	28th Dec.
U.S.A. (San Francisco, 29th Nov.), Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai ..	*Pres. Garfield* ...	28th Dec.
Java	*Tjikarang* ...	29th Dec.
Canada (Victoria B.C., 7th December), U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	*Emp. of Canada* ...	29th Dec.
Manila	*Pres. Madison* ...	29th Dec.
Japan & Shanghai	*Mishima Maru* ...	30th Dec.
U.S.A. (San Francisco, 6th Dec.), Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai ...	*Pres. Pierce* ...	30th Dec.
Shanghai & Amoy	*Linan*	31st Dec.
Europe via Negapatam (Papers only, London, 28th Nov.)	*Kumsang* ...	31st Dec.
U.S.A. (San Francisco, 4th December), Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	*Tenyo Maru* ...	31st Dec.
Japan & Shanghai	*Rajputana* ...	3rd Jan. 1930
Australia & Manila	*Nellore*	6th Jan.

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For	Per	Date & Time
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles — due Marseilles, 26th January 1930	*Suwa Maru* ..	Saturday, 28th. G.P.O. Reg. 8.45 A M Letters 9.30 A M 10.30 A M 2.00 P M
Saigon	*Stella Polaris* ...	Kowloon P.O. Par., 4.30 P M
Fort Bayard	*Wing Lee* ..	Reg., 4.30 P M Letters 4.30 P M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 26th Jan., 1930	*Khyber*	G.P.O. Par. 5.00 P M Reg. 5.00 P M Letters 5.00 P M 5.00 P M
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Tourane	*Uhung Kong* ...	5.00 P.M
Amoy	*Anhui*	5.00 P M
Wei Hai Wei via Swatow	*Huichow*	Sunday, 29th, 8.30 A M
Amoy	*Luchow* ..	8.30 A M
Manila	*Emp. of Canada* ...	9.00 A M
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	*Hosan Maru* ...	9.00 A M
Bangkok via Swatow	*Kiangsu*	9.00 A M
Straits & Calcutta	*Kutsang* ...	Monday, 30th, Par. Noon Letters 1.00 P M
Sandakan	*Mausang*	1.30 P M
Haiphong	*Canton*	2.30 P M
Swatow	*Hydrangea* ...	2.30 P M
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Branches:—Bandjermasin, Bandoeng*, Bombay, Calcutta, Cheribon, Djember, Djokjakarta*, The Hague*, Jiddah, Kobe, Kota-Radja, Makassar, Medan, Penang, Palembang, Pekalongan, Pematangsiantar, Rangoon, Rotterdam*, Samarang*, Shanghai, Sibolga (Sumatra), Singapore, Soerabaia, Soerakarta (Solo), Tegal, Tjilatjap and Weltevreden*.
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London Bankers:—
National Provincial Bank, Ltd.

Correspondents all over the world. Banking Business of every description transacted.
P. M. ELBERG,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 27th May, 1929. [34

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Authorized Capital...$11,900,000
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Reserve Fund 360,000

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Manager.

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Foreign Exchange and General Banking Business transacted.
Current Accounts opened and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.
A. H. FERGUSON,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 9th Jan., 1929. [30

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Special Working Capital	50,000,000
Reserves	22,319,000

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Bankers:
France: Société Générale, Banque Nationale de Crédit, Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas.
London: Midland Bank, Ltd.
New York: American Exchange Irving Trust Co., Banca Commerciale Italiana.
San Francisco: Bank of Italy.

Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Correspondents throughout the World.
A. ROLLIN,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 1st July, 1929.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Head Office:—
15, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. 3.

Authorized Capital£3,000,000
Subscribed Capital£1,800,000
Paid-up Capital£1,050,000
Reserve Fund and Rest ...£1,812,047

Bankers:
The Bank of England and Midland Bank, Ltd.

Branches:
Bangkok, Batavia, Bombay, Calcutta, Colombo, Delhi, Galle, Hong Kong, Howrah, Ipoh, Kandy, Karachi, Kota Bharu, Kuala Krai (Kelantan), Kuala Lipis (Pahang), Kuala Lumpur, Kuantan (Pahang), Madras, New York, Penang, Port Louis (Mauritius), Rangoon, Shanghai, Singapore, Sourabaya

Hong Kong Branch:
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Travellers Cheques issued.
Trustee and Executorships undertaken.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits at Rates that may be ascertained on application.
C. L. C. SANDES, Manager
7, Queen's Road Central.
Hong Kong, 1st Oct., 1929. [29

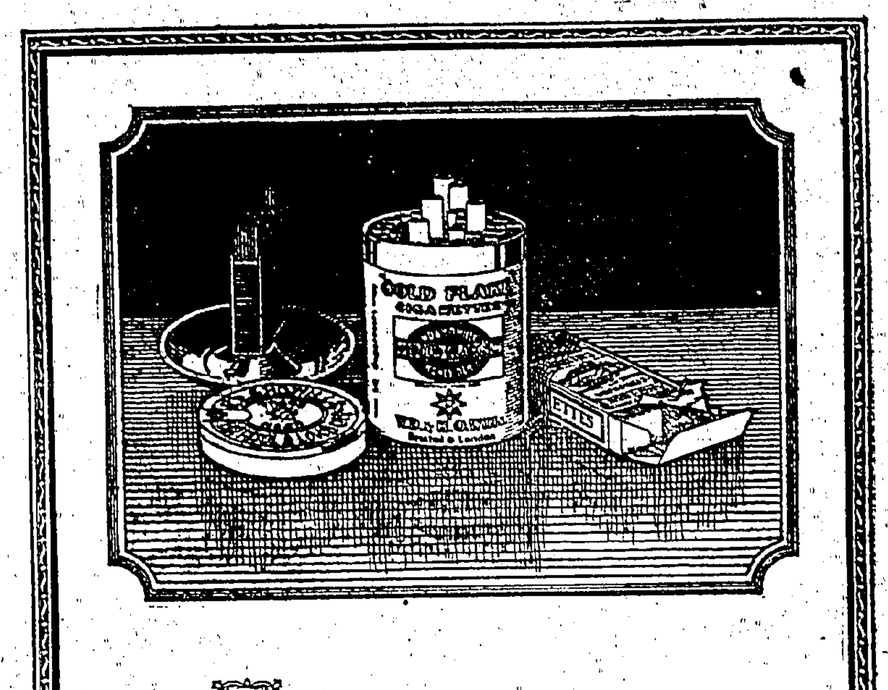
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Reserve Fund 3,864,398.69

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Hong Kong Branch:—4, Queen's Road Central.

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London Bankers:—The Guaranty Trusty Co. of New York, The National Provincial Bank, Ltd.
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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits. Terms on application.
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Bankers:
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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
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A. LECOT,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 2nd May, 1929. [32

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Vladivostock (Temporarily closed).
Interest allowed on Current Accounts.
Deposits received for Fixed Periods at rates to be obtained on application.
H. MORI, Manager.
Hong Kong, Sept. 11, 1929. [35

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

Head Office: Hong Kong.
No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong.

Authorised Capital$10,000,000
Paid-Up Capital 5,000,000
Reserve 1,500,000

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Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	1/7¼
Credits, at 4 months' sight	1/8¼
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	1/8¼
On Paris.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	101⅜
Credits, 4 months' sight	108⅞
On New York.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	39⅜
Credits, at 60 d/s.	41⅛
On Bombay.—	
Telegraphic Transfer Bank Bills, on demand	108⅜
On Calcutta.—	
Telegraphic Transfer Bank Bills, on demand	108⅜
On Shanghai.—	
Bank Bills, at sight ...	77½
Private, 30 days' sight	—
On Yokohama.—	
On demand	80⅞
On Manila.—On demand...	79½
On Singapore.—	
On demand	70½
Batavia.—On demand...	98¼
On Haiphong.—	
On demand	nom.
On Saigon.—On demand...	nom.
On Bangkok.—	
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